

The Lord's Day, November 20, 2016
"Yet I Will Rejoice in the LORD"
Thanksgiving Series
Habakkuk 3:17-19
Rev. Cory Colravy

Prayer List, Sunday, November 20, 2016

PRAY DAILY FOR OUR PASTOR AND STAFF

Rev. Cory D. Colravy, Pastor
Mrs. Glenda L. Delmar, CCS Principal
Mrs. Martha A. Middleton, Executive Administrator
Ms. Roseanne S. Culpepper, CCS Office Manager
Mr. Bryan M. Walker, CCS Bookkeeper
Mr. Art Stroh, Youth Director
Mr. Jonah Cleveland, Assistant Youth Director
Mr. Jeff Delmar, Music Leader

PRAY FOR UNSPOKEN REQUESTS PRAY FOR OUR NATION AND OUR LEADERS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND OUR MISSIONARIES

Sunday Emad Mikhail% MTW
Monday Peter Bakelaar% MTW, Japan
Tuesday David & Karen Story% RUF leader, FSU, Tallahassee, FL
Wednesday Bruce & Pam Sinclair% Westminster Bible College, Kampala, Uganda
Thursday Ben & Kathryn Hollo#
Friday Ellen Simpson*
Saturday Jim & Martha Middleton#
(*Happy Birthday, #Happy Anniversary, %Missionary)

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY AT HOME AND ABROAD

Currently Deployed Overseas: Randy Miller (Joyce Post's grandson)

Currently Serving at Home: Shawn Rost (Warren & Judy Kline's son-in-law), Ben Hollo, Ian Harris, Seth Armstrong, Ezra Swanson

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Cancer: Phil Khalife (Sonja Seidler's brother), Lee Broughton (friend of Martha Middleton, breast cancer), Charlene Elliott (CCS parent, blood cancer), Ryan Colravy (Pastor Colravy's nephew, chemotherapy & radiation), Charlotte Bass (4 year old friend of Mara Frazier, Aplastic Anemia), Larry Treston (Wendy Russell's father), Wayne Bingham, Dorothy Buckner (Janice Chilton's mother)

Illness: Brian Schreiber (Fred & Carrie Hayes Schreiber's son, blood disease), Fran Coyne (friend of the Steele's, aortic valve stenosis), Johnny Langham (Jack & Jan Langham's son), Naomi (brain tumor surgery, step-daughter of James Thompson's friend Jeremy Williams), Charlie Saunders (O'Lear family member), Linda Hopkins' family member (amyloidosis), David Hill (heart blockage), Cheryl Gaudiano, Roger Leete (CIDP), Gloria Hawkins (Glenda Delmar's mother, stroke), Derrick Jensen (family friend of Raquel Clark, ALS), Rich Simpson (hip replacement), Michael Kline (mini-strokes), Hope Park (Anna Denny's friend, needing heart transplant)

Special Need: Virginia Palmer, David & Toni Hill (Rusty & Chris Hill's parents), Tom Bingham family, Richard Post family, Dawn Welch family, Dell Simpson, Terrie Cleveland family, Esme Bahati

Expectant Mothers: Kristie Delmar

**Names in italics are new to the list this week.*

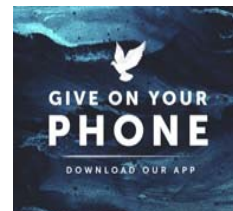
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Thanksgiving
Sunday

The Lord's Day, November 20, 2016

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Thanksgiving Sunday

Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church



Preparation for Worship Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

Thanksgiving Day is probably the most purely religious holiday in the life of our nation. While the spiritual meaning of Christmas and Easter are often overshadowed by secular influences, Thanksgiving remains directly and largely focused upon God and His gifts. The Westminster Confession of Faith speaks of “thanksgivings upon special occasions” (Chapter 21.5) as valid and important religious observations.

We join together as a congregation in a service of Thanksgiving to God for His mercies to us as His people and as a nation.

The Scripture readings in our service today help us praise God for sustaining Life in and through His Word. They call us and our nation to resound with thanksgiving for the earth's bountiful harvest, crops of wheat and grains, all beneath the canopy of God's almighty care.

But “man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord” (Deuteronomy 8:1-10).

The Church is the vessel through which the Word of God penetrates the world with its Law and Gospel. It is this divine Word which proclaims Jesus as the sole source of life, health, and wholeness.

It is Jesus who heals lepers with His Word,

“Go show yourselves to the priests” (Luke 17:11-19).

Of the ten cleansed, only one expressed thanksgiving back to Jesus.

But true gratitude proceeds from a heart sustained by faith.

Jesus bids this one Samaritan to “rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

So also, we will be sent out from our worship today, bolstered in our faith through

God's Spirit and blessing to be thankful in every circumstance,

whether of plenty or hunger, abundance or need. (Philippians 4:6-20).

Pastor's Welcome and Announcements

A cry room for small children with televised worship is available in the Fellowship Hall during the service.

The History of Thanksgiving

Prelude “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” (T1)

Prayer of Invocation and Praise

*For those who are able, please stand at these times.

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*Call to Worship

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

*Hymn Medley of Praise

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (C793)

“Indescribable” (1)

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty.
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring,
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings, all exclaiming:

*Indescribable! Uncontainable! You placed the stars in the sky,
And You know them by name; You are amazing, God!
All powerful! Untameable! Awestruck, we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim: You are amazing God!*

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go;
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night? None can fathom:

*Indescribable! Uncontainable! You placed the stars in the sky,
And You know them by name; You are amazing, God!
Incomparable! Unchangeable! You see the depths of my heart
And you love me the same; You are amazing, God!*

*Affirmation of Faith

Christian, what do you believe about the past?

We believe that Christ Jesus died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to all the apostles and more than five hundred brothers at one time.

And what do you believe about the future?

We believe we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and this body shall put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. Behold, the dwelling place of God will be with man. He will dwell with us, and we shall be His people, and God Himself will be with us as our God forever. He will wipe away every tear from our eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. And all things shall be made new. Though now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face.

And what do you believe about the present?

We believe not a hair can fall from our heads without the will of our heavenly Father, that for those who love God all things are working together for good, and nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Therefore, we shall rejoice always, pray without ceasing and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God our Father in Christ Jesus for us. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading of God's Law

Deuteronomy 8:1-20

National Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask Your forgiveness and to seek Your direction and guidance.

We know Your Word says, “Woe to those who call evil good,” but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values.

We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word in the name of moral pluralism.

We have worshipped other gods and called it “multi-culturalism.”

We have endorsed perversion and called it an “alternative lifestyle.”

We have neglected the needy and called it “self-preservation.”

We have rewarded laziness and called it “welfare.”

In the name of “choice” we have killed our unborn.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it “building esteem.”

We have abused power and called it “political savvy.”

We've coveted our neighbors' possessions and called it “taxes.”

We've polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it “freedom of expression.”

We've ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it “enlightenment.”

Search us, O God, and know our hearts today. Try us, and show us if there be any wicked way in us. Cleanse us from every sin, and set us free.

Guide and bless our nation's leaders who have been ordained by You to govern this great country. Grant them Your wisdom to rule, and may their decisions direct us to the center of Your will.

We ask it in the name of your Son, the living Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

II Chronicles 7:14

Hymn of Confession

“Jesus I Come” (Words: T503) (2)

*The Gospel Reading

Luke 17:11-19

*Hymn of Response

“Give Thanks” (C170)

The Thanksgiving Proclamation

President George Washington

A Litany of Thanksgiving

(Bulletin Insert)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

I Timothy 4:4-5

Offertory Hymn

“Now Thank We All Our God” (T98)

Prayer of Illumination

Ephesians 1:15-18

Sermon

Habakkuk 3:17-19

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*Hymn of Response

“Habakkuk's Song” (Tune: T253) (3)

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Im-man-uel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains;
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains,
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

What though no flow'rs the fig-tree clothe, though vines their fruit deny,
The labour of the olive fail, and fields no meat supply?
Yet in the Lord will I be glad, and glory in his love;
In him I'll joy, who will the God of my salvation prove.

The dying thief, rejoiced to see, that fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away;
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away,
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

Though from the fold, with sad surprise, my flock cut off I see;
Though famine pine in empty stalls, where herds were wont to be?
Yet in the Lord will I be glad, and glory in his love;
In him I'll joy, who will the God of my salvation prove.

He to my tardy feet shall lend the swiftness of the roe;
Till, raised on high, I safely dwell beyond the reach of woe.
God is the treasure of my soul, the source of lasting joy;
A joy which want shall not impair, nor death itself destroy.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more:
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more,
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

*Charge and Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

*Hymn Medley of Benediction

“The Doxology” (T733)

*Postlude

THIS WEEK, November 20 - 26, 2016

Today •Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
•Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 - 10:25 a.m.
•Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.
Monday •CCS closed through Friday for Thanksgiving holiday
Wednesday •Thanksgiving Eve—no Wednesday night activities
Thursday •**Thanksgiving Day**

Announcements

◆ **In Our Nursery Today** Sunday School ~ Dawn Welch
Morning Worship ~ Toni Hill, Wendy Russell
◆ **Nursery Next Week:** Sunday School ~ Dawn Colravy
Morning Worship ~ Joyce Post, Kristie Delmar, Ellie Richards

◆ Budget Summary:

Weekly Operational Budget Requirement	\$ 5,460.00
Tithes/Offerings, November 13, 2016	\$ 3,509.37
FYTD Tithes/Offerings Received	\$ 72,178.86
FYTD Operational Budget Expenses	\$ 85,545.22
Mortgage Balance	\$ 207,730.57