

The Lord's Day, November 23, 2014  
"The Thanksgiving of Jesus"  
John 11:41-42, etc.  
Rev. Cory Colravy

## Prayer List, Sunday, November 23, 2014

### 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. Scott Perry, Music Leader

### PRAY FOR UNSPOKEN REQUESTS

### PRAY FOR OUR NATION AND OUR LEADERS

### PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND OUR MISSIONARIES

Sunday ..... Robert & Lisa Stewart% MTW church planters, Tokyo  
Monday ..... Ben & Kathryn Hollo#  
Tuesday ..... Ellen Simpson\*  
Wednesday ..... Jim & Martha Middleton#  
Thursday ..... Luke Hollo\*  
Friday ..... Noel & Claire Phillips#  
Saturday ..... Pregnancy Resource Center% Jackie Smithwick, Director  
(\*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), Brian Neal, Ben Hollo

### PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

*Cancer:* Phil Khalife (Sonja Seidler's brother), Dawn Colravy (thyroid), Tracy Becker (wife of Concord PC Pastor, John Becker, double mastectomy), Alan Wise (Mara Frazier's family member, prostate cancer), Lee Broughton (friend of Martha Middleton, breast cancer), John Dudinski (Middleton's friend, skin cancer & chemotherapy), *Gerald Skipper (Jan Langham's brother-in-law)*

*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), Robert Corr (Claire Phillips' brother, Parkinson's disease), Joy Thomas (Dawn Welch's mother, COPD), Carola Bickford (Barbie Shold's friend, knee surgery), Tyson Wellcome (Rocky Welch's cousin, facial injury & reconstructive surgery), Cheryl Gaudiano, Naomi (brain tumor surgery, step-daughter of James Thompson's friend Jeremy Williams), Ryan Colravy (Pastor Colravy's nephew, (chemotherapy & radiation), Helen Newman (Dawn Colravy's mother, MRSA infection)

*Special Need:* Virginia Palmer, David & Toni Hill (Rusty Hill's parents), Melody Barton Lane family, Tom Bingham family, Richard Post family, Randy Tucker (Patty Ann Bruner's son, stroke recovery), Andrew & Lauren Walker Bahati (Andrew's immigration Visa)

*Expectant Mothers:* Anna Denny, Abby Stokes Wann (former member), Kristie Delmar

*Congratulations to Brandon & Kristina Gilmore  
on the birth of their daughter  
Natalia Ariana  
on November 19, 2014*

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



Thanksgiving  
Sunday



# The Lord's Day, November 23, 2014

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 by David Barton

Prelude "America the Beautiful" (C799)

Prayer of Invocation and Praise

\*Call to Worship Psalm 67

## \*Hymns of Praise

"For the Beauty of the Earth" (C793)

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (C128)

"Be Exalted, O God" (C32)

## \*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.

Promise of Pardon II Chronicles 7:14

Hymn of National Confession "Heal Our Land" (C800)

\*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 II Corinthians 9:10-11

Offertory Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" (T98)

Prayer of Illumination Ephesians 1:15-18

Sermon John 11:41-42, etc.

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\*Hymn of Response "God of Our Fathers" (C809)

\*Charge and Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

\*Hymn of Benediction "The Doxology" (T731)

\*Postlude

## THIS WEEK, November 23-29, 2014

Today •Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.  
•Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 - 10:25 a.m.  
•Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday •WIC Bible Study, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday •Thanksgiving Eve—no Wednesday night activities  
Thursday •**Thanksgiving Day**

### Announcements

- ◆ **In Our Nursery Today** Sunday School ~ Dawn Colravy  
Morning Worship ~ Joyce Post, Ellen Simpson
- ◆ **Nursery Next Week:** Sunday School ~ Roseanne Culpepper
- ◆ **WIC Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. Now studying a video series "The Parables of Jesus" by Dr. R. C. Sproul. Call the church office for nursery reservations by Monday afternoon.
- ◆ **Budget Receipts, November 16, 2014**

Tithes/Offerings	\$ 7,071.46
Mercy Fund	40.00
Building Fund	100.00
Mortgage Balance	\$239,271.37

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### Session

Rev. Cory D. Colravy, Moderator

R. Leigh Hinkle

Warren H. Kline, Jr., Emeritus

James R. Middleton, Clerk

Richard A. Simpson

Les "Rocky" Welch

### Diaconate

Brian A. Delmar

Jeffrey C. Delmar

James E. "Butch" Gould

Bryan M. Walker

Rodney A. Stroh, Diaconal Assistant



Next Sunday, November 30, 2014 we will begin our Advent Season celebration.

Wednesday night soup suppers will be December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>.

Join us for our  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
December 24, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.