

The Lord's Day, November 22, 2015  
"Give Thanks to the Good LORD"  
Thanksgiving Series  
Psalm 136  
Rev. Cory Colravy

## Prayer List, Sunday, November 22, 2015

### 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 ..... Emad Mikhail% Mission to the World  
Monday ..... Pat Wood% PEF Prison Ministry  
Tuesday ..... Ben & Kathryn Hollo#  
Wednesday ..... Ellen Simpson\*  
Thursday ..... Jim & Martha Middleton#  
Friday ..... Luke Hollo\*  
Saturday ..... Peter Bakelaar% MTW, Japan  
(\*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, Ian Harris

### 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), Lee Broughton (friend of Martha Middleton, breast cancer), Gerald Skipper (Jan Langham's brother-in-law), Ruth Weber (Pastor Colravy's cousin, ovarian 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)

*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), Tyson Wellcome (Rocky Welch's cousin, facial injury & reconstructive surgery, Naomi (brain tumor surgery, step-daughter of James Thompson's friend Jeremy Williams), Charlie Saunders (O'Lear family member), Mike Kline (Warren & Judy Kline's son, heart problem), Alaina Gilmore (leg development problem), Ron (Dawn Welch's brother-in-law, stroke), Linda Hopkins' family member (amyloidosis), David Hill (heart blockage), Cheryl Gaudiano, Virginia Palmer (knee replacement), Dell Simpson (fall), Judy Kline (knee replacement), Roger Leete (CIDP), Matthew Kline (tonsillectomy)

*Special Need:* Virginia Palmer, David & Toni Hill (Rusty & Chris Hill's parents), Tom Bingham family, Richard Post family, Randy Tucker (Patty Ann Bruner's son, stroke recovery), Dawn Welch family, Noel Phillips and family

*Expectant Mothers:* Kendall Branscomb

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

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## 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

*"Be Exalted, O God" (C32)*

#### Prayer of Invocation and Praise

#### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

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

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#### \*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!  
Incomprable! 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 (Words: T503)

*"Jesus I Come" (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

II Corinthians 9:10-11

#### Offertory Hymn

*"Now Thank We All Our God" (T98)*

#### Prayer of Illumination

Ephesians 1:15-18

#### Sermon

*"Give Thanks to the Good LORD"*

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#### \*Hymn of Response

*"God of Our Fathers" (C809)*

#### \*Charge and Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

#### \*Hymn of Benediction

*"The Doxology" (T733)*

#### \*Postlude

### THIS WEEK, November 22-28, 2015

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	• <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>

#### Announcements

- ◆ **In Our Nursery Today** Sunday School ~ Dawn Colravy  
Morning Worship ~ Joyce Post, Ellen Simpson
- ◆ **Nursery Next Week:** Sunday School ~ Roseanne Culpepper  
Morning Worship ~ Lauren Bahati

#### ◆ Budget Summary:

Weekly Operational Budget Requirement	\$ 5,262.84
Tithes/Offerings, November 15, 2015	\$ 3,627.38
FYTD Tithes/Offerings Received	\$ 81,919.17
FYTD Operational Budget Expenses	\$ 71,533.77
Mortgage Balance	\$ 223,420.98

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