



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT

"Canon of Thanks" ~ D. Moore

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lift up your eyes, seeking to know your God. Attune your spirit to the One in whom we dwell.

People: God's love surrounds us here today. God calls us to be children of light.

Leader: We belong to the day when we have faith. We live confidently in the hope of salvation.

People: We seek to be faithful to the best we know. We want to invest the talents God gives us.

Leader: Faithfulness gives us a sense of greater abundance. Doing justice adds to our sense of worth and dignity.

People: We are here to build up one another. May our worship encourage each of us today.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God" No. 643

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are reluctant to face your judgment, all-knowing God. We know we have not fully invested the talents you have entrusted to us. We hide them and hoard them, retreating into a false sense of security. We live in the nighttime of self-protection rather than in the light of full participation in loving, faithful service. We seek to escape your wrath by shrinking from life rather than investing ourselves in the tasks to which you call us. Have mercy on us, O God. We want to be children of the day—your day. Help us! Amen.

(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God has not destined us for wrath but for obtaining salvation through Jesus Christ, who offers us life in all its fullness. Continue, then, to build up one another with encouragement and hope. Look to God each day for mercy and assurance, and be alert to hear God's commands. Friends, believe the good news...

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

GLORIA PATRI

No. 581

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

ANTHEM

"We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

~ J. Dixon

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Judges 4:1-7
Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON

Rev. John Pruitt

*HYMN

"Lord, When I Came into This Life"

No. 691

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

"Give Thanks"

No. 647

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Nov 19)

Greeters: Rusty Sudderth, Kae Mattingly
Ushers: Winnie Theobald, Lorna Foster
Lay Reader: Marge Birmingham

Serving Next Sunday, (Nov 26)

Greeters: Bob & Donna Myers
Ushers: Winnie Theobald, Lorna Foster
Lay Reader: Nancy Bolen

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GOOD MORNING! We welcome each of you to this service of worship and we are glad you are here. We invite you to fill out the Welcome card found in the pew rack and place the card in the offering plate, so we can welcome you further and start to get to know you better.

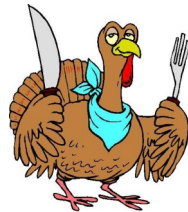
THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today (11/19)	9:00a	Café Faith
	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service
	3:30p	Hanging of the Greens
	5:30p	Thanksgiving Dinner
Mon (11/20)	9:00a	Bulletin Information Due
	6:30p	Sweet Adelines
Tue (11/21)	5:00p	Weight Watchers
Wed (11/22)	9:00a	Weight Watchers
Thu (11/23)		<i>Thanksgiving</i> Church Office Closed No Scheduled Church Activities
Fri (11/24)		Church Office Closed No Scheduled Church Activities
Sat (11/25)	8:30a	Women's Bible Study Men's Bible Study
Sun (11/26)	9:00a	Café Faith
	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service

Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.



Hanging of the Greens
TODAY, November 19, at 3:30p
In preparation of the Advent Season
We need volunteers!
The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.



Thanksgiving Dinner
TODAY, November 19
at 5:30p in the Fellowship Hall
The menu is on the bulletin board
PLEASE SIGN UP!



Poinsettias
If you are interested in purchasing a Poinsettia plant(s) to help Decorate the sanctuary, please Complete the sign-up sheet located On the bulletin board.
Deadline is November 26, 2017



Please fill out prayer request cards.

This will ensure that your request is added to the prayer list and that names are spelled correctly.

Thank you for your assistance!