

Welcome to Church of Christ
November 24, 2024 ~ Twenty Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
We are honored to worship God with you today!

Prelude *Now Thank We All Our God* - arr. D. Blair ~Noah Sinclair, trumpet

Call to Worship (adapted from Ps. 107) ~Kristin Mudge

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
 for the Lord's steadfast love endures forever.

People: **Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
 those redeemed and gathered in.**

Leader: Some wandered in desert wastes,
 hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

People: **Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
 and God delivered them from their distress.**

Leader: God led them by a straight way,
 with steadfast love and wondrous works.

All: **For God satisfies the thirsty,
 and fills the hungry with good things.**

Hymn 721 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* (Worship and Rejoice)

Vs 1 Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin. God, our maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

Vs 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield, wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrows grown. First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear, Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

Vs 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home, from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away, give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast, but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Vs 4 Even so, Lord, quickly come to your final harvest home, gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified, in your presence to abide. Come, with all your angels, some, raise the glorious harvest home.

Guided Meditation and Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (trespasses/debts)

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 trespasses (debts), as we forgive those who trespass against us (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

Anthem *For the Beauty of the Earth* - arr. J. Rutter

Scripture: Philippians 4:1-14

~Kristin Mudge

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you. I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need, for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress.

Sermon "P.S. Thank You"

Music Interlude

Light of Service

The Norfolk Food Pantry

~Jan Graham-Jones

We have a chance to offer financial gifts in support of Spirit-led work. Undesignated gifts go to the recipient named above. Please use the white envelopes in the pews to designate giving otherwise. There is no obligation, and we always welcome prayers for our LOS recipients. Thank you!

Offertory *Now Thank We All Our God* - arr. M. Rosewall

Doxology (two versions are offered) Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen. OR: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing Joys and Church Life Updates

Kenric and Debby Prescott, Constance Rotondo (Jane Williams), Desi Smith (Bonnie Greenwood), Ryan Sterba, Rob Thew, Sue Ellen Thomas (Pastor Erick's sister), Dennis Watlington (Tim Hitchcock), Judi Welch

Those who are grieving - the families of:

Kerry Garside, Stephen Getz, Jackie Hamad, The Rev. Paul Heller, Avery Nelson, Aaron Pelletier, Sue Pratt, Owen Simmons, Mary Sager

In the wider community:

Leigh Cappabianca (missionary in Turkey), Laura Smith (missionary in Venezuela), The people of Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine - and all enduring ongoing violence, The people impacted by recent hurricanes Helene and Milton

CHANCES TO LEARN, LIVE & SERVE LOVE:

Thanksgiving Basket Donations - Thank You!

Through the generous response of the church and wider community, we will be offering more than 70 Thanksgiving Baskets to our neighbors. Thank you!

Angel Tree for Christmas 2024

Please click on the QR code below and browse the gifts needed. Select the children that you would like to buy for by choosing the corresponding tag. Please note the number on the "tag" that you are choosing. In addition to putting the "tag" on the wrapped gifts, please also attach a list of what is being given. Wrapped gifts with the numbered "tag" on it need to be delivered to Church of Christ by noon on Sunday, December 8th. If you have any questions, please call Lisa McClave at 860-309-1443.

Advent Readers Needed - Please contact Pastor Erick if you would like to light one of our Advent candles during Advent or on Christmas Eve.

"Getting to Know Jesus" - Wed. at 7 PM - 12/4, 12/11, 12/18

All are welcome to join this three-week Advent learning opportunity. Led by Pastor Erick, we will explore Scripture and other writings about Jesus as we approach our celebration of his birth. We will focus on: Predictions of the Messiah (Week One), God in Flesh (Week Two), and Beyond Bethlehem (Week Three). No experience is needed. Please let Pastor Erick know if you plan to take part.

Administrative Assistant Position – Barb LaMere plans to retire at the end of this year – she will be missed! Please take a moment to thank Barb directly. Interested parties should contact office@cofcucc.org.

Coffee Mugs "to Go" - Anyone who purchased a custom-made coffee mug in the past is invited to take them home – thank you!

"Clothes Closet" Donations Welcome

We would appreciate short jackets (no long coats). Thank you!

Food Pantry Items of the Week - This week the Food pantry especially needs: Coffee, Herbal Tea, and Spam. Thank you!