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Please remember to pick up the elements for communion on the table out front before entering worship.

Welcome

Announcements

Prayer of Approach

Call to Worship: Psalm 145:8-13

Pastor: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Congregation: The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Pastor: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

Congregation: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

Pastor: to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Congregation: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

Prayer of Adoration & the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #1 "All People That On Earth Do Dwell"

Responsive Reading: Romans 3:9-20

What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, ¹⁰ as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one;

11 no one understands; no one seeks for God.

12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

13 "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips."

14 "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."

15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood;

16 in their paths are ruin and misery,

17 and the way of peace they have not known."

18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Confession of Sin

"Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old, remember not the sins of our youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember us, for you are good, O Lord, for the sake of your name, O Lord, forgive our iniquity, though it is great, turn to us and be gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted. The troubles of our hearts have multiplied; free us from our anguish. Look upon our affliction and our distress and take away all our sins." (adapted from Psalm 25)

Promise of Forgiveness: Romans 5:8-11

"but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation."

Gloria Patri

Hymn #170 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Confession of Faith: WCF 2.2

2. God hath all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of himself; and is alone in and unto himself all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creatures which he hath made, nor deriving any glory from them, but only manifesting his own glory in, by, unto, and upon them: he is the alone fountain of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom are all things; and hath most sovereign dominion over them, to do by them, for them, or upon them whatsoever himself pleaseth. In his sight all things are open and manifest; his knowledge is infinite, infallible, and independent upon the creature; so as nothing is to him contingent or uncertain. He is most holy in all his counsels, in all his works, and in all his commands. To him is due from angels and men, and every other creature, whatsoever worship, service, or obedience, he is pleased to require of them.

Doxology

Offering Prayer

Scripture Reading: Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

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Message: "Thanking God for Who He Is"

Introduction:

The Lord is Good

v.5a

-what this means:

The Lord's Steadfast Love Endures Forever

v.5b

-the meaning of this word

-endures forever

The Lord's Faithfulness Extends to All Generations

v.5c

-faithfulness

So: We Know the Lord and we know ourselves

v.3

So: We Come into His Presence with Joy & Thankfulness

v.1-2,4

Conclusion

Hymn: #521 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" v.1-2

Celebration of the Lord's Supper:

Words of Institution

The Bread & The Cup (We will partake of the elements together. They are able in the narthex.)

Hymn: #521 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" v.3-4

Benediction

Today, we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Our denomination's policy, in conformity with the Book of Church Order, is "to invite all those who profess the true religion, and are communicants in good standing in any evangelical church, or those approved by the Session, after having given indication of their desire to participate."

NOTES:

Attendance for 10/18 - 9am – 18 10:30am – 98 Streaming – 15
Offering: \$3,135.00 Missions: \$2,700.00

THANK YOU for your generous and creative contributions to the **COLLEGE BOXES** this year! It is much appreciated!

HELP the Deacons help Wheeler Mission! This is a long-standing project that Grace Church has supported over many years. Our goal is to provide 70 Thanksgiving baskets; Wheeler can assemble each basket for \$30. Please memo your check "Thanksgiving Baskets," and put it in the offering plate. Thank you! We have 5 already.

Feliz Navidad! Buon Natale! Craciun Fericit! It's Missionary Christmas time!

The Missionary Christmas format will change this year to accommodate COVID concerns and allow participation for all our church family. In prior years, you would select a particular missionary or family member to receive a gift. However, this year the Missionary Committee will email gift cards to our missionaries from monetary contributions from the church family.

If you wish to contribute, please make your check out to Rebekah Tice and indicate on the memo line that it is for the Missionary Christmas. You can give your check to Rebekah, put it in the offering box or mail it to the church. Once all contributions have been received, the monies will be distributed equally among our missionaries. Our goal is to gift at least \$10 to each missionary and family member which would be a total amount of \$390, but we would love to be generous with our gifts and give them more. Contributions can be made during the month of November, ending November 22.

Many missionaries have commented that we are the only church that remembers them in a special way at Christmas time and it is very appreciated. We would like to continue a personal contact this year and it can be done in 2 ways:

1 – Your family can write an email to a particular missionary sharing how your family celebrates Christmas. Send the email to Carla Glasheen at JGlasheen@indy.rr.com and she will forward them. Due to the sensitive locations of some missionaries, their emails can't be published.

2. Your family can make/write a Christmas card to a particular missionary and leave it in the special box in the church foyer. These cards will be scanned and emailed.

Thank you for adjusting to these changes as we seek to support our missionaries this year.

Missionary Update:

Emad & Michelle -

"Pray also for Gamal, a national worker, who is trying to minister in a difficult family situation in the church as well as others living in the countryside. Pray specifically for the mother and her two sons as they are the most vulnerable.

Our Great Commission College began the new school year. For the first time, we have admitted Arabic-speaking students scattered across the globe who will study with us online, along with the majority who are studying on site. Pray for all the incoming and continuing students to grow in their knowledge of the Lord and love for people. Pray for our teachers to be protected from every harm and be good examples to the students. One of them, Michael, left yesterday to teach pastors and others for ten days in South Sudan.

Finally we ask you to pray for the ministry's finances since they are under pressure.”

MTW 30 Days of Prayer begins TODAY November 1. Please find on the link for a printable version: https://www.mtw.org/30-days-of-prayer?utm_source=30+Days+of+Prayer+%E2%80%94+2019&utm_campaign=6121234f8b-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_07_02_08_02_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_8221b0fa21-6121234f8b-1248366591

Or via Instagram: @mtwglobal

Women's Hygiene Kits for Wheeler Mission:

We STILL need to collect more **full size items** of each of following:

- Shampoo (15)
- Conditioner (16)
- Tooth paste (17)
- Body wash (13)
- Face clothes (2)
- Bath soap (7)
- Hair Brush, Pics and Combs (optional)
- Ethnic Hair products (optional & not necessary for all kits)

Boxes will be out in the narthex and by the office entrance to collect supplies until November 16. We are also asking for volunteers to pack the kits during the week of November 16th at church. See sign-up to help. The kits will be delivered to Wheeler the first week of December.

Helpers Needed: The Davelaars are moving in!!!

- Unpack moving van – Friday 11/6 after 4pm
- Assemble beds, kitchen work & unpacking – Saturday 11/7, morning & afternoon shifts
- Meals – Saturday lunch & dinner as well as Sunday

Contact Rebekah Tice (317-441-7254) to sign-up or for more information.