

Morning Worship November 15, 2020

Theme for Worship: Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Welcome

Announcements

Prayer of Approach

Call to Worship: Psalm 118:19-25

Pastor: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

Congregation: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

Pastor: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

Congregation: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Pastor: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Congregation: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Unison: Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Prayer of Adoration & the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #98 "Now Thank We All Our God"

Responsive Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹ For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹² So death is at work in us, but life in you.

¹³ Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴ knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵ For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Morning Prayer: Ruling Elder Les Kimball (9am service only)

Hymn #76 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Confession of Faith: Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 17, Paragraph 1 & 2

1. They whom God hath accepted in his Beloved, effectually called and sanctified by his Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace; but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved.

2. This perseverance of the saints depends, not upon their own free will, but upon the immutability of the decree of election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father; upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ; the abiding of the Spirit and of the seed of God within them; and the nature of the covenant of grace: from all which ariseth also the certainty and infallibility thereof.

Doxology

Offering Prayer

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, ⁸ will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? ⁹ For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in

glory. ¹⁰ Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. ¹¹ For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory. ¹² Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³ not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵ Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶ But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Message: “Beholding and Becoming”, Rev. Nicholas Davelaar

I. We behold the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (v. 18)

II. We all, beholding, are being transformed into the same image. (v. 18)

III. This transformation comes from the Spirit. (v. 18)

Hymn: #529 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
Benediction

NOTES:

Attendance for 11/8 - 9am – 21 10:30am – 117 Streaming – 21
Offering: \$6,017.00 Missions: \$662.00

TONIGHT – 5pm Hymn Sing
Tuesday – 1pm, Ladies' Bible Study at the church
Wednesday – 7pm, Zoom Prayer Meeting
Friday – 10am, Ladies' Bible Study at the church
Sunday, December 6 – Congregational Meeting after the second service

Women's Bible Study



Ladies, please join us as we continue our once a month Bible study of James using the book Steadfast by Courtney Doctor. We will be discussing the Chapter 3 at this month's meetings. Meeting times are **THIS Tuesday** at 1PM at **CHURCH** (dessert provided) or **Friday** at 10AM at the church (with brunch, children are welcome). Contact Barb Cull or Rebekah Tice with any questions. The Zoom meeting will occur on **Tuesday, November 24** at 1PM, please contact Laura DeMasie for the link.

Women's Hygiene Kits for Wheeler Mission:

We have surpassed our goal for collecting products. Thank you so much for your help! See sign-up to volunteer

THIS WEEK to pack the kits at church. Contact Jim Glasheen with any questions. The kits will be delivered to Wheeler the first week of December.

New **Prayer** cards and **Visitor** cards are available at the right end of each of the pews or on the front entry table.

Congratulations to Charity and Ryan Clarke on the birth of Spencer MacKenzie Larson Clarke. He was born on Thursday, October 29 at 12:27pm. He weighed in at 10 pounds 4 ounces and 20 inches long. Spencer joins proud big sisters Honora, Rosalyn & Cecily. Praise the Lord for a healthy birth for mother and son!

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, December 6 after the second service.

We will simply be voting to re-election those elders and deacons whose terms have finished this year and brief corporate business.

HELP the Deacons help Wheeler Mission! Our goal is to provide 70 Thanksgiving baskets; We currently have 57 baskets!!!! **We only need 13 more.** Wheeler can assemble each basket for \$30. Please memo your check “Thanksgiving Baskets,” and put it in the offering plate. Thank you! ☺

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

If you wish to contribute to the Missionary Christmas Fund, 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. Contributions can be made until November 22.

We have already surpassed our initial goal! We have currently raised \$910. This means more than \$20 per person so far.

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:

Kurt & Jill:

Prayer & Praise:

1. Pray for the church to get a mortgage soon and for the terms of the sale of the church building to be worked out. They continue to be discussed.
2. Pray for God to work through the online Bible studies and women's English classes.
3. Pray for God's continual care for our mothers. Pray that Jill's mom would be able to stay well and not get the recurring infections.
4. Pray for the needed permissions, purchases and installation of two large outdoor marquees to be completed quickly. This will enable us to continue to meet for worship outside this Fall and Winter.
5. Praise God that K, the P@kistani man who lives with us, got a new job. Unfortunately, he will have to move to another city. Pray for his transition.
6. Pray for our long-time colleagues, David and Jan, as they prepare to transition to another role in our organization and move back to the US in early January. It's been a blessing to work with them and we will miss them greatly.

FOLLOW: MTW 30 Days of Prayer during November. 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

New **Card Kit Station** coming soon! An easy way to keep in touch with those in the congregation. More to come.