

# Sunday Morning Worship

November 12, 2023

9:00 a.m.

*Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.*

\*Congregation standing for those who are able

## Our Approach to God

Prelude *Trumpet Voluntary* Young

### The Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**We worship the Lord with gladness.**

Come into God's presence with singing, for the Lord is God.

**It is he that made us, and we are his people. We praise God's holy name!**

\*The Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* 464

### \*The Call to Confession

The psalmist testifies: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Let us, therefore, confess our sin before God who is ready to forgive us through the blood of Jesus.

### \*The Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess that we have not lived as you have taught us to live. We have put our longing for money, success, or happiness above our desire for you and your kingdom. We get distracted by the things of this world and take our eyes off you. We become weary in doing good. Our love for you and for others has become lukewarm. Forgive us, Lord, for our half-hearted devotion. [Silent Confession.] Merciful God, help us to faithfully follow you. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

### \*The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, a new life has begun. **Thanks be to God!**

### \*The Response

#### Sanctuary

**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried, and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

The Anthem *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Dorsey  
Wally Schmidt, Banjo

## The Word of God

### The Time with the Children

The Gospel Reading Matthew 25:1-13 page 37 NT

The New Testament Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 page 277 NT

The Psalm Psalm 70:4 page 639 OT

The Sermon Pastor Ruth Estell

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed(traditional) page 14

The Hymn *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers* 15

### The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *Amazing Grace* arr. Hustad

\*The Doxology 592

**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.**

\*The Prayer of Dedication

\*The Hymn *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder* see insert

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

\*Postlude *Toccata in E Minor* Pachelbel

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**Liturgist:** Kitty Myers

**Greeters:** Millar Family

**Fellowship Hour Server:** Sonia Hoepfner

**Ushers:** Randy Wierda & Patty Donahue

**Musical Talent:** Laurel Taipale and Wally Schmidt, banjo

### 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second

We will continue to study *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*. Everyone is welcome to attend! 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second will meet **TODAY** from 10:15-11:15 after the worship service in the library.

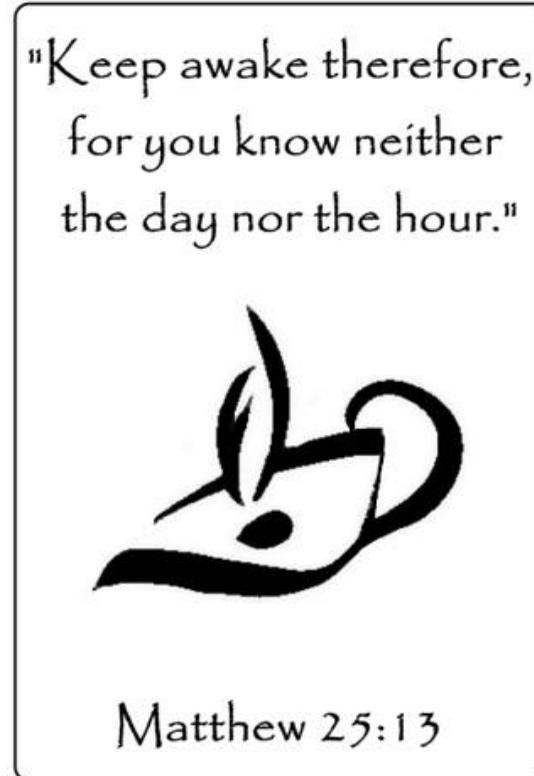
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# Announcements and Upcoming Event

## Harvest Potluck

Enjoy some wonderful fall fellowship at the Harvest Potluck **TODAY** at 5:00pm. We supply turkey, rolls, stuffing, potatoes, & gravy and you bring a dish to pass. **Please remember to bring a table service for each person in your party. You are welcome even if you didn't sign up.**



## Boy Scouts Wreath Sale



Boy Scout Troop 321 from Second Presbyterian Church will be taking orders for Christmas greens **Today & Next Sunday, November 19**. The profits from these items support the Scouts going to camps and events all year long. Please support our Boy Scouts.

## Harvest Sunday – November 19

We invite you to bring non-perishable food items to worship on **Sunday, November 19**. Please place the food items in front of the communion table in the sanctuary. We will collect food items through the First Sunday of Advent **Sunday, December 3**. At this Thanksgiving season let's share some of our abundance to help feed others.



## Hanging of the Greens



We will get busy immediately after worship on **November 26<sup>th</sup>** decorating the church. When we're done, we'll enjoy lunch together. We will supply the pizza, and you supply a beverage. All are invited to help!

## Poinsettias



If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone the order forms are in the gathering area. . The deadline to order is **Sunday, December 3**. These beautiful poinsettias are \$10.00 each and have multiple large blossoms and a bow attached. They will decorate the church for 9:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, December 24, and will stay until after the 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Take your poinsettias home after the evening Christmas Eve service.



The Angel Tree gift tags are out on the table in the front hallway. Angel Tree is a part of Prison Fellowship and provides an opportunity for our church to extend the hope of the Gospel through delivering Christmas gifts to children on behalf of their incarcerated parents. Please keep in mind, although there is a "wish list" on each tag, you are not obligated to buy everything on that list. \$25 is usually the maximum amount. All gifts are due back at church by **December 10**.



**The office will be open Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. As always, please call the office before driving to the church as unforeseen circumstances can occur.**

**\*The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday November 23 & 24 in observance of Thanksgiving.**

### Prayer of Illumination

Prepare our hearts, O God, to hear and accept your Word.  
Silence in us any voice but your own.  
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love,  
that we may be obedient to your will  
and live always for your glory.  
Through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

## Matthew 25:1-13

**25** "At that time the Kingdom of heaven will be like this. Once there were ten young women who took their oil lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. **2** Five of them were foolish, and the other five were wise. **3** The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any extra oil with them, **4** while the wise ones took containers full of oil for their lamps. **5** The bridegroom was late in coming, so they began to nod and fall asleep. **6** "It was already midnight when the cry rang out, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come and meet him!' **7** The ten young women woke up and trimmed their lamps. **8** Then the foolish ones said to the wise ones, 'Let us have some of your oil, because our lamps are going out.' **9** 'No, indeed,' the wise ones answered, 'there is not enough for you and for us. Go to the store and buy some for yourselves.' **10** So the foolish ones went off to buy some oil; and while they were gone, the bridegroom arrived. The five who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast, and the door was closed. **11** "Later the others arrived. 'Sir, sir! Let us in!' they cried out. **12** 'Certainly not! I don't know you,' the bridegroom answered." **13** And Jesus concluded, "Watch out, then, because you do not know the day or the hour.

## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**13** Our friends, we want you to know the truth about those who have died, so that you will not be sad, as are those who have no hope. **14** We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will take back with Jesus those who have died believing in him. **15** What we are teaching you now is the Lord's teaching: we who are alive on the day the Lord comes will not go ahead of those who have died. **16** There will be the shout of command, the archangel's voice, the sound of God's trumpet, and the Lord himself will come down from heaven. Those who have died believing in Christ will rise to life first; **17** then we who are living at that time will be gathered up along with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord. **18** So then, encourage one another with these words.

## Psalms 70:4

**4** May all who come to you  
be glad and joyful.  
May all who are thankful for your salvation  
always say, "How great is God!"

# 191 WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER

*The Lord Himself... with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.*  
1 Thessalonians 4:16

1. When the trum - pet of the Lord shall sound and  
2. On that bright and cloud - less morn - ing when the  
3. Let us la - bor for the Mas - ter from the

time shall be no more, And the morn - ing breaks e -  
dead in Christ shall rise And the glo - ry of His  
dawn till set - ting sun, Let us talk of all His

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res - ur - rec - tion share— When His cho - sen ones shall  
won - drous love and care; Then when all of life is

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gath - er to their home be - yond the skies, And the  
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