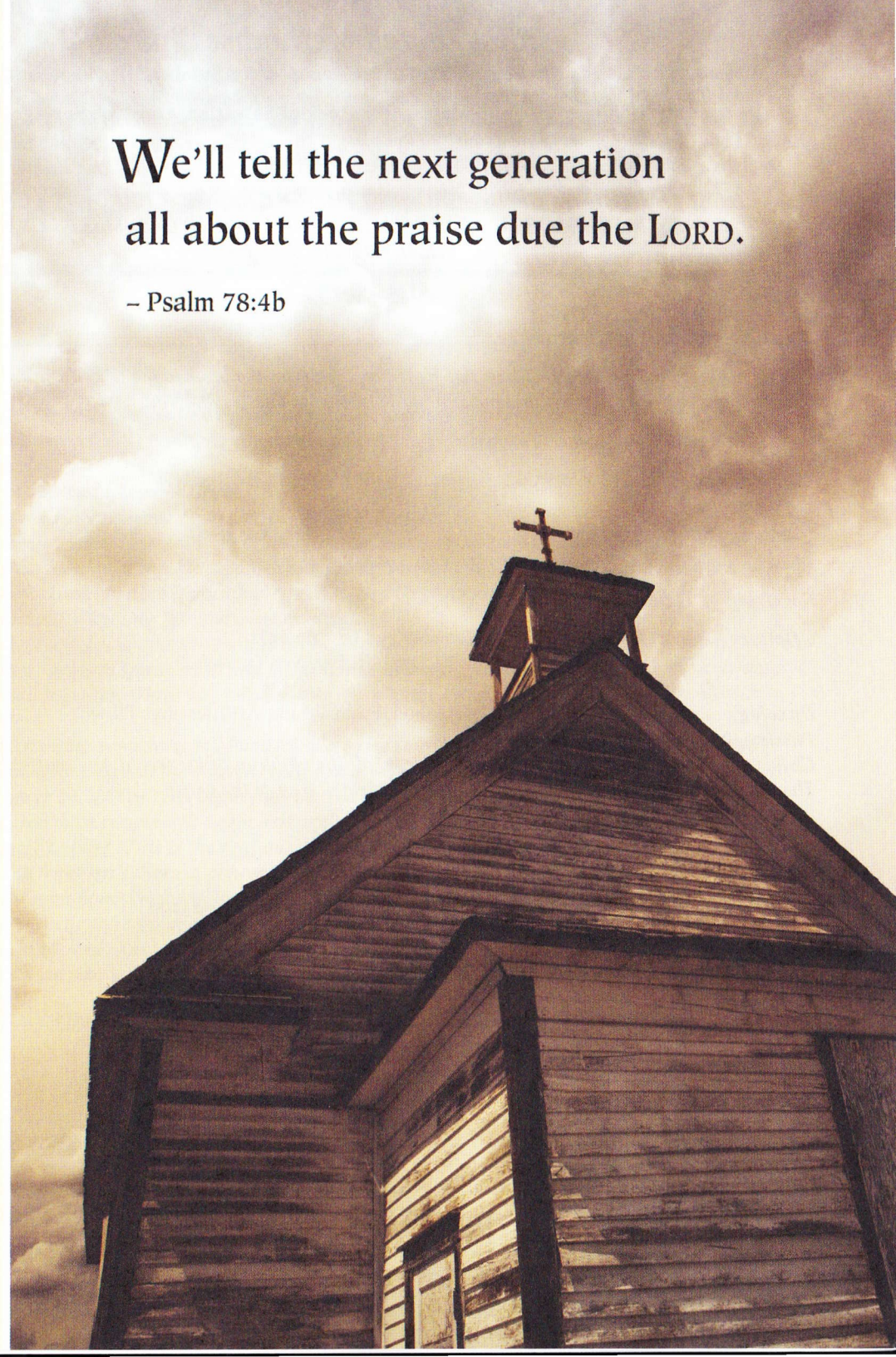


We'll tell the next generation
all about the praise due the LORD.

– Psalm 78:4b



First United Methodist Church

Sunday, November 12, 2017 – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Our Statement of Faith: Jesus, Our Rock of Salvation, Our Life Springs Eternal

Faith Theme 2017

**HEALTHY THINGS GROW>GROWING THINGS CHANGE>CHANGE IS A CHALLENGE>
CHALLENGE FORCES US TO TRUST GOD—>TRUSTING GOD MAKES US HEALTHY>
HEALTHY THINGS GROW!**

Prelude	Veterans' Day Prelude	Sue Milligan
Welcome and Announcements		
<i>Please register your presence with us this morning, then pass the book to the person sitting next to you. Before the offertory, tear off the sheet and place it in the offering plate. Thank You!</i>		
<i>Song Leader: Morgen Townsend Acolyte: Nicholas Griffin Greeter: Linda Prine</i>		
*Congregational Call to Worship	"I Want to Be Ready"	UMH 722
*Congregational Hymn of Praise	"Living for Jesus"	TFWS 2149
Receiving of Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory Chorus: (Congregation Is Encouraged to Join In)		
	"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"	TFWS 2195
Doxology	"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH 95
Passing the Peace of Christ		
Children's Time <i>Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world, red and yellow, black and white. They are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.</i>		
Joys and Concerns		
A Time of Prayer – Silent Prayer—Congregational Prayer		
Prayer Response	"Change My Heart, O God"	TFWS 2152
Special Music	"His Hand in Mine"	Becky Morrison
Scripture Reading	Matthew 25:1-13 (p. 806)	Linda Prine
The Word of God for the People of God: The People Respond "Thanks Be to God!"		
Morning Message	"Being Ready, Wise or Foolish?"	Rev. Jimmy Chrisawn
*Closing Hymn	"I'll Fly Away"	TFWS 2282
*Parting Blessing: Leaving to Serve		
Postlude		Sue Milligan

Prayer Requests: The family of Sally Peterson; Larry & Sylvia Fanelli; Ruby Macy; Madge Venetta's granddaughter, Arianna; Oscar Erickson; Alma O'Hare; Kay Womack's sister, Terry Cline; Josh Patterson; Nancy McConnell; John Morrison; Larry Finnell; Margaret Bettolo; Mindy Sheckler's niece; Pat & Jack Norris; Patty Beatty; Patrice Noel; Debbie Sparby; Dennis Doncaster's sister, Sister Diana; Carol Ransdell; Pastor Jim; Cathy Georgis' brother-in-law, Todd Ludeman; Anne Dunaway; Pastor Jim's sister, Judy, and aunt, Mona; Rusty Dickson; Bill McGarvey; Tom McCutcheon; Mallory Rosetti Gardner; June Wittman; Fred & Isaac Wittman; Rhonda Wheeler; Renee Bustos' father, Bill Cogswell; Deanne Autry; Gene Lane; Keelan Schupman; Jackie Hansen; Karie Chrisawn's mother.

Prayer Request:

By:

Recommended for Devotional Readings:

Nov 19th – Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Nov 26th – Ezekiel 34:11-15, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

A note from the Pastor:

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

Greetings in the Holy name of Jesus our Lord and redeemer!

In light of recent events I am taking a break from the series on change to address this latest tragic event. The shooting last Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Spring, Texas, still has my soul heavy and my heart saddened. How horrible it must have been to be in a place called sanctuary, worshiping God one second, and the next literally fighting for your very existence.

Details are still unfolding concerning this tragic event. We do know that 26 people died and 20 or so were physically injured. A lot of speculation and jumping to conclusion will likely go on for some time as investigators piece it all together. However, none of this will change the simple truth of what a senseless tragedy this was!

Some will be hunting something to blame to help make sense of this event. If we or they decide to blame something, I am afraid we will then never really know why. If we never really know why, then, it may well be that we will never be able to even begin figuring out how to prevent this from happening again.

*I do believe that most people will begin asking the correct question of how could or why would someone do something like this? This is the **real** question, not what did they do it with or how did they do it, but why did they do it. The **what** isn't the real concern, but the **why**! Now is the time for calm, composed, and thoroughly thought through honest reflection and spiritual discernment before action.*

For now, as investigators go about putting the pieces together, I would like to ask all of us to be in prayer for those who lost loved ones, those who were wounded and injured not just of body, but of mind. We need to also pray for those who will be helping and ministering to the victims of this tragic event for a long time to come. Let us pray!

In God's mercy and grace!

(*) Please Stand as you are able. **TFWS** is the smaller paperback and the **UMH** is the hardback song book.

Share the Message! The Pastor's Message is recorded on CD's every Sunday. They are available free of Charge and *can be found in the Narthex, and at the website: www.rockspringsumc.org. You are welcome to take one.*

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Minister of Music: Sue Milligan

Christian Education: Karie Chrisawn

Lay Leader: Kathy Ellis

Nursery Attendant(s): Nicole France & Lauren Mayer

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Church office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

Please call office to ensure someone is here.

Remember donated items for the Boys & Girls Club are appreciated by UMW; see Mary Lou Jessen, Penni Harden, or Marj Schaefer.

General Information/Opportunities/Upcoming

Sunday School for Adults	9:00 a.m.
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Children's Church	During Service (Following the Children's Time)

Pastor's Office Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. till Noon. Other times by appointment, however, the Pastor is always available. Please call or text him. Please call before making a special trip.

SPECIAL NOTE: If you would like the Pastor to visit with your family, or someone else, please let him or the office know so it can be arranged.

By The Numbers

Attendance Last Sunday	59 Adults 5 Children
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,390.00
Generous Giving Last Sunday	\$ 2,941.00

LIFE GROUP/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Keep these dates on your calendar

Thursday, Nov 16, 7:15 a.m.

Sunday, Nov 19, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, Dec 7, noon

Thursday, Dec 14, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec 14, to follow

Prayer at the flagpole. RS High School

Adult Sunday School, "Anxious for Nothing", Session 3, pp.115-152

United Methodist Women

Finance Meeting

Administrative Board Meeting

Coffee Hour Clean Up

Volunteer Needed

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Readings for the Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost, November 12, 2017: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

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LIFE IN USA

America, the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.

Wild Blue Yonder (U.S. Air Force)

Off we go into the wild blue yonder climbing high into the
sun
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder
at 'em boys give 'er the gun.
Down we dive spouting our flame from under
off with one hell of a roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame,
Nothing can stop the U.S. Air Force.

The Marine Hymn (U.S. Marines)

From the Halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli,
We will fight our country's battles in the air, on land and
sea.
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title of
The United States Marines.

Semper Paratus

(Always Ready – U. S. Coast Guard)

So here's the Coast Guard marching song

We sing on land or sea.

Through surf and storm and howl-ing gale,

High shall our pur-pose be.

"Sem-per Pa-ra-tus" is our guide,

Our fame, our glo-ry too,

To fight to save or fight and die!

Aye! Coast Guard we are for you!



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Anchors Aweigh (U.S. Navy)

Stand Navy out to sea, fight our battle cry;
We'll never change our course, so vicious foe steer
shy-y-y-y
Roll out the T.N.T. Anchors Aweigh.
Sail on to victory and sink their bones to Davy Jones,
hoo-ray!

The Caisson Song (U.S. Army)

Over hill, over dale, we have hit the dusty trail,
And the caissons go rolling along.
In and out, hear them shout, "Counter march and right
about,"
And the caissons go rolling along.
For it's Hi! Hi! Hee! In the field artillery,
Sound off your numbers loud and strong,
So where'er you go, you will always know
That the caissons are rolling along, (keep them rolling),
And the caissons go rolling along.

God Bless America

God Bless America, Land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam,
God Bless America, My home sweet home.
God Bless America, My Home Sweet Home!