

## TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome by: Bobby Rader /Opening Prayer by: Robert Ward

Morning Assembly Song Leader: Shannon Smith

#23 Our God, He Is Alive

#382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Scripture Reading by: Rock Cary

#313 The Old Rugged Cross

**Lord's Supper and Contribution**

#412 Jesus, Hold My hand

**Sermon: "In Everything Give Thanks"**

**Psalms 103:1-5**

#915 Trust and Obey

#453 Love Lifted Me

Closing Prayer by: David Smith

Welcome by: Bobby Rader

Evening Assembly Song Leader: Shannon Smith

#881 Mansion Over the Hilltop

#452 Standing on the Promises

Scripture Reading: Tristan Strickhausen

Prayer by: Don Taylor

#904 Have You Been to Jesus?

**Sermon: "The Parables of Jesus: God's Fragrance"**

**Matthew 18:21-22**

#912 Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary

#548 The Lily of the Valley

Closing Prayer by: Ken Coleman

### **Other Opportunities For Spiritual Growth**

**Sunday:** 9:00am — Bible Study Classes, 10:00am — Worship, 6:00pm — Worship

**Wednesday:** 10:00am — Ladies Bible Class, 7:00pm — Bible Study Classes

November 18, 2018

## ***“Stand Firm in...Liberty”***

Galatians 5:1

### **Enter With Thanksgiving**

*Special times for giving thanks for blessings as well as celebrations of bountiful harvests are ancient traditions in a number of cultures. In the New World, both the Spanish and French conducted thanksgivings in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. English settlers in Jamestown held a thanksgiving in 1610. But what we consider the “first Thanksgiving” was, of course, held by the Pilgrims in Plymouth Colony in 1621. We all learned about that in elementary school and know names like Squanto and Miles Standish.*

*More importantly, the concept of thanksgiving is deeply Biblical. There are any number of passages that demonstrate this, but consider, for example Psalm 100, from which this article's title is taken. Take out your Bible and read it right now – it's only 5 verses long.*

*With that in mind, I am reprinting the first National Thanksgiving Proclamation, issued by George Washington in 1789. Not only is it of historical interest, but I encourage you to reflect on what it has to say and on all the blessings God has bestowed upon you. Happy Thanksgiving.*

By the President of the United States of America. a Proclamation.

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor—and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me “to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be—That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation—for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war—for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we

# Family News & Notes

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

## Our Sick

### Continued Prayers (Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Gwen Pettit, Gary Nielsen, Harold Cryer, Steve Ward, Jackie David, Frank & Tina Garcia, Bill Lunceford, Eric Davis, J. P. Williams, Mark Wilcox, Dayla Hale, Phillip Cottle, Ann Rogers, Linda Frank

### Shut Ins (Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Jim Smith, Pauline Taylor, Winona Angelle, Myrtle Sheffield, Ronnie Rubit, Joe Leonard, Dr. Ronald Davis

## Our Missionaries

Aaron & Marisa Bailey in Mwanza, Africa, Rod Kyle in the South Pacific

## Plastic Bags

The Food Bank is in need of plastic grocery bags. A barrel is in the foyer.

The cold and flu season is upon us. Please remember to throw your used tissues in the trash and not leave them in the pews.

## Upcoming Activities

**No Elders** meeting this week.

We will have a **Houston Food Bank truck** Tuesday, Dec. 4th at 8:00 am.

**Movie Night** on Saturday, Dec. 8th. More information to follow.

## Thank You

Thank you to Minister Bryant and the ones that stood in as pallbearers and all the Church of Christ members.

Thanks so much for everything and the beautiful pot plant.

Thanks,  
Dorothy & Etta and our family (Frances Petree's sisters)

If you are interested in helping in the nursery next year, please let the office know. A new schedule will be coming out in December.

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Minister</u>
Ken Coleman	Daniel Balch	Bryant Perkins
Bob Parker	Danny Balch	
Bobby Rader	Shannon Smith	
Don Taylor	Phillip Strickhausen	
Robert Ward		

## Privilege to Serve **Sunday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>**

Communion Preparation: Louise Cottle  
Nursery Attendants: Jane Tinkle, Rita Upton

Communion Preparation for Sunday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>: Lori David  
Nursery Attendants for Sunday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>: Marsha Rader

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have since enjoyed—for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted—for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions—to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually—to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed—to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord—To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the encrease of science among them and us—and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New-York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

– Go. Washington

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