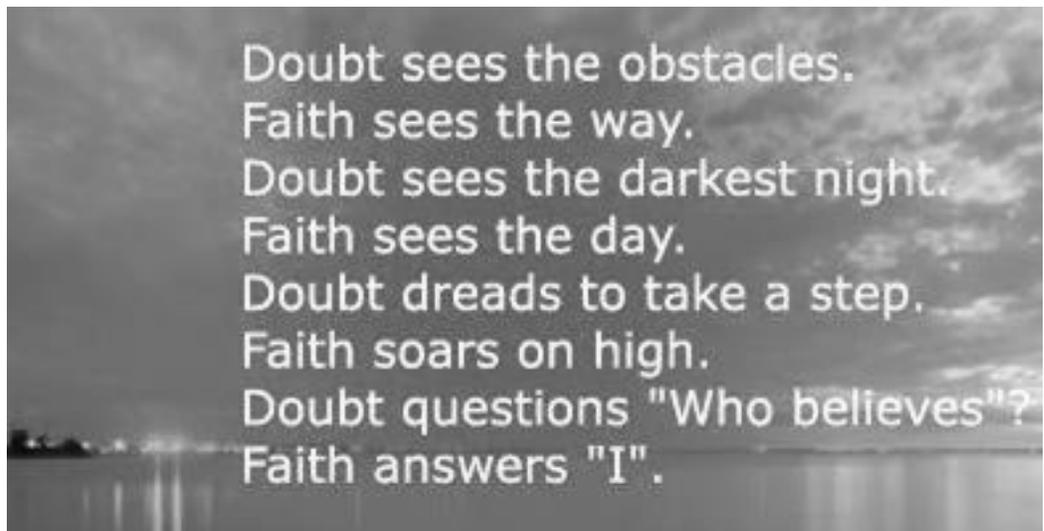


A strong, simple
faith has the
answers for
whatever comes.



Service for the Lord's Day

November 10, 2019

Gathering Around the Word

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship

I know that my redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

For now Christ is risen, the first fruits of those who sleep.

I know that God can do all things.

And no purpose of God's is thwarted. When the way forward is uncertain, and even when faith is hard, we remain assured by what we hope for, but do not yet see.

The people who walked in darkness;

Have seen a great light. On us will the light of the Lord shine.

Job 19:25, I Corinthians 15: 20, Romans 8:31, Job 42:2, Hebrews 11:2, Isaiah 9:2

Hymn 634

To God Be the Glory

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Loving God, we join with the disciples of Jesus who cried, "*increase our faith.*" Our trust wavers, our minds are full of doubt, we are too easily discouraged. Forgive us for these weaknesses, and increase our faith! Renew in us the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen. Secure us in our belonging to you. Let us feel the touch of Christ, who came to seek and save the lost.

Please Observe A Silence for Personal Confession Before Turning the Page

The words from
Job and from
I Corinthians are
familiar from the
air for soprano
in part three of
Handel's *Messiah*:
"I Know That My
Redeemer Liveth."

In preparation for
meeting our holy
God in scripture,
we ask to be made
more holy
ourselves.

The resurrection vindicates God's way in the world, and assures us of God's power.

Declaration of Good News

Response Hymn 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Alleluia No.1

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

*Come let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

Passing of the Peace

By words and gestures, we share signs of peace and reconciliation.

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination

Job's challenge to God becomes an affirmation: "I know that my Redeemer lives."

Reading from the First Covenant

Job 19, selected verses

Job's Faith Perseveres

Know that God has put me in the wrong, and closed his net around me. **Even when I cry out, 'Violence!' I am not answered; I call aloud, but there is no justice.**

He has walled up my way so that I cannot pass, and he has set darkness upon my paths.

He has stripped my glory from me, and taken the crown from my head. My bones cling to my skin and to my flesh, and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth.

Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God has touched me!

O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives. **My Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side.**

Anthem

Come, Pure Hearts

David Ashley White

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Luke 20:27-38

Cynical Questions and Sincere Faith

Jesus cleverly turns an absurd question about resurrection into a message about belonging to God in the here-and-now.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

All Sit

Sermon

Debating God?

Matthew Covington

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Hymn 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Apart from a brief testimony such as "Jesus is Lord," the Apostles' Creed is our most concise statement of faith.

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

For November, Buck in a Basket supports a fund for financial relief for our own members.

The Offering

As the offering plate is passed to your pew, you may come forward to place a pledge card in the basket.

Offertory

There is a Season Berta Poorman and Sonja Poorman
DiDi Turley, mezzo-soprano Beth Pope, piano

All Stand

Doxology

*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.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

Closing Hymn 401

Here in This Place
First and Second Verses Only

GATHER US IN

Benediction

Postlude

We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing

KREMSER

WELCOME VISITORS! We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.

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Announcements

USHERS: The Polen and Thomison families

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LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, November 17: Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19.

TODAY

DEACONS OF THE WEEK this week will be Teri Polen and Susan Thomison. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC MEETS Sundays at 9:00am. Please make regular attendance a priority. We always welcome new faces and all Kindergarten - 6th grade students welcome.

Calendar

Sunday, November 10

8:30 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
9:00 a.m.	Children's Music
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
9:45 a.m.	Sunday Morning Circle
10:30 a.m.	Worship

Monday, November 11

11:30 a.m.	Circle 9
5:00 p.m.	Round Table Pulpit

Tuesday, November 12

11:00 a.m.	Special Care
7:00 p.m.	Sunny 16 Camera Club
7:00 p.m.	Evening Circle

Wednesday, November 13

9:15 a.m.	Wed. Morning Circle
10:00 a.m.	Circle 6
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir

Saturday, November 16

Saturday Meals

Announcements (continued)

DID YOU KNOW? Our Sunday School offering has been designated to help Uspiritus (now Centerstone) purchase backpacks and suitcases for the children and youth in their care. Each quarter the CE Ministry will designate a particular non-budget project for the dollars we receive each Sunday. We will collect for Centerstone through December.

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING? Each Sunday we come together to worship and learn about God. During the Sunday School hour, our children and youth attend class to hear the Bible and learn to apply it to their lives. Parents are needed to follow up! **Preschoolers** learned about Adam and Eve in Genesis 2:10-3:24. **Our Kindergarten - 3rd grade students** in Godly Play heard and responded to the stories of Joseph in Genesis 37:1-31; 49:1-6. The story of Jonah came alive for **4th and 5th Graders**. **PLEASE READ** the scripture stories at home and ask your children what they heard. Wonder together what God wants you to know and do because of these stories! If you need a good storybook, ask Leslee or visit our Children's Library-we have a good selection. Especially with younger children, a good Bible storybook is important!

COMING UP:

SATURDAY MEALS IS NOVEMBER 16. Help is needed with meal preparation (beginning 6:30am) and delivery (8:30am). Contact Judy Clark (judy068clark@outlook.com). We gather at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Church Avenue.

ANGEL TREE BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17. Soon the colorful tree will appear outside the office. Please consider choosing one or more ornaments, purchasing the items listed, wrap, and return by December 10. Your help will brighten the holidays for a number of children and youth from our community, as well as young adults in the transition program for Uspiritus.

CIRCLES CIRCLE 9 will meet on Monday, November 11th at 11:30am. The TUESDAY EVENING CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00pm. The WEDNESDAY MORNING CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, November 13th at 9:15am in the youth room. CIRCLE 6 will meet on Wednesday, November 13th at 10:00am at the home of Nancy Moore (1712 Barnard Way).

THANKSGIVING DINNER - Thursday November 28, at Noon, in Fellowship Hall. Turkey, dressing, gravy are provided. **Please bring** a generous side dish or dessert. We need your RSVP to be sure enough places are set! **Email the office** by November 26, Noon.

CHRISTMAS MARKET HELP! We are ONE month from our second Christmas Market and Brunch! Help will be needed that day and before our event. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9ab2ca7f49-christmas1> Greeters, floaters, kitchen folk (to sell brunch items) cashiers, church vendors (to sell donated items) clean up, more. Most shifts are two hours or less. So plenty of time to shop and enjoy brunch also!

CASSEROLES NEEDED! Brunch for our Christmas Market relies on casseroles. We have the recipe and the pans. We just need YOU to make them - bake, freeze and bring to the church by December 6. Recipes/pans are available in the office. See Shannon Dyche or Leslee Kirkconnell.

ROOM IN THE INN BEGINS Thursday November 21. **HELP IS NEEDED IN ALL AREAS!** Sign up sheets are available in the 10th Ave Lobby - many hands make light work and make a huge difference for our guests. Having a safe and warm place to sleep during the cold winter months is important and this ministry makes a big impact. Help once or often - every volunteer is valued and needed! See David Coverdale or Shannon Dyche.

JOIN US IN ADVENT! Please plan to join us on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall for LiFT - Living in Faith Together, 9:00-10:15am. On Wednesdays we will gather at 5:30pm for Dinner, then worship at 6:05pm. Stay tuned for details on all our Advent activities.

OTHER NEWS:

ART EXHIBIT Our current exhibit in Fellowship Hall features the Sunny 16 Camera Club. Please stop by to see this photography show soon! The exhibit will run until December 5th.

SEEKING YOUR STORIES FOR OUR ADVENT DEVOTIONAL!

This year's Advent Devotions will be about remembering. During Advent we wait and prepare-for the arrival of our Lord. We also remember – Christmases past, and in particular our church as we have celebrated and remembered our first 200 years. The scripture includes readings from the Gospel of Matthew, and the Prophet Isaiah, and form an arch from Sunday to Sunday of Watch! Prepare! Recognize! Receive! (If you wish to use a particular scripture, feel free. A list of daily readings is available <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary/>)

The Theme: Remembering

December 1: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44

December 8: Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12

December 15: Lessons and Carols Isaiah 35:1-19; Matthew 11:2-11; Luke 1:46b-55

December 22: Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-25

**Advent begins December 1. Devotions need to be submitted by Nov. 21 to Diane Simmons via email.
dsimmonsbg1@mac.com**