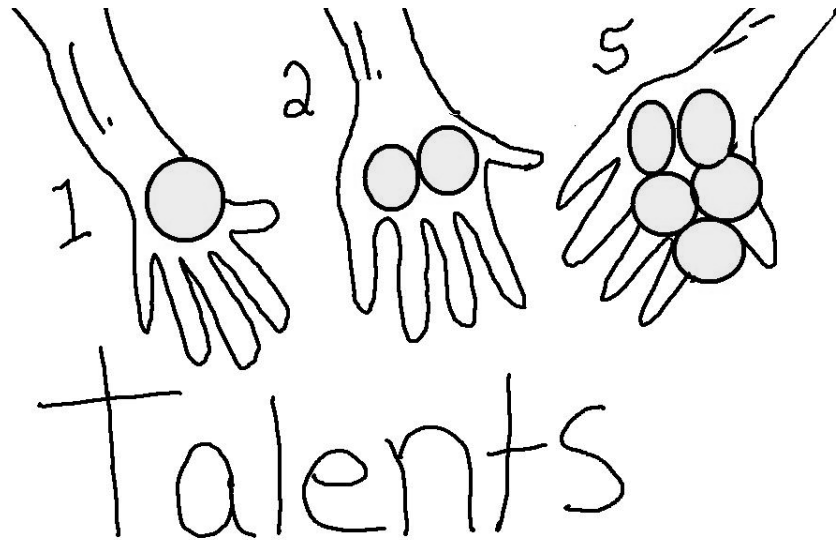


The 18th century author Samuel Johnson prayed humbly, "that when I shall render up on the last day an account of the talent committed to me, I may receive pardon for the sake of Jesus Christ."



The kingdom of heaven will be as when someone going on a journey called the servants and entrusted property to them; to one five talents, to another two, and to another one...

Service for the Lord's Day

November 15, 2020

Gathering Around the Word

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude

Give to Our God Immortal Praise
Tune: DUKE STREET

John Hatton

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call To Worship

We long to hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

We long to be partners with the Lord.

As we have been faithful over a little, God will set us over much!

And we will enter into the joy of the Master.

Let us worship God!

For everyone's safety, the congregation will not sing the Opening Hymn.

The Opening Hymn will be sung by the Collegiate Ensemble only.

Opening Hymn 307

God of Grace and God of Glory
First and Last Verses

CWM RHONDDA

Call to Confession

The church lives in a time of active waiting. We wait for the kingdom to come. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for facing the challenges of the day!

Jesus' Parable of the Talents teaches us that what we have is a gift from the Master. We pray for the gift of forgiveness.

Jesus taught frequently about the "Day of the Lord," describing a real event for which we should be ready. Opportunities are given; trust is required; the reward is great.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Loving God, we know that we should be ready for your kingdom-come. But we are not ready. Your mercy exceeds our understanding. Your glory is too bright for our eyes. Faith requires more trust than we are able to give. Your special love for the weak and needy confuses us. The gospel message is a treasure, but like the one-talent man, we have buried the treasure entrusted to us. In Christ, you have given your life for us, but we have only been willing to give a little in return. Forgive us, we pray. Let us return to you and find renewal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Declaration of Good News

Hymn 581

Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

The risen Lord brought the gift of life-giving peace. Let us share it with one another.

All Sit

A Time with Young Disciples

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm Reading

Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,

As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he has mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

Anthem

Jesus, Be With Us

David Gambrell

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

"For [the kingdom] is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time, the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying,

‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return, I would have received what was my own with interest. So, take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless servant, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

All Sit

Sermon

Opportunity, Faithfulness, and Reward

Matthew Covington

Responding to the Word

All Stand

The Response Hymn will be sung by the Collegiate Ensemble only.

Response Hymn 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

All Three Verses

Affirmation of Faith

A Declaration of Faith (Chapter 10)

In Christ God gave us a glimpse of the new creation he has already begun and will surely finish. We do not know when the final day will come. In our time we see only broken and scattered signs that the renewal of all things is under way. We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in the world, the church, or our own lives. But we see Jesus as Lord. As he stands at the center of our history, we are confident he will stand at its end. He will judge all people and nations. Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God's good creation. There will be no more tears or pain. All things will be made new. The fellowship of human beings with God and each other will be perfected.

Amen.

All Sit

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.

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

The Congregation is invited to sing the Closing Hymn, since we are about to leave the sanctuary and any exposure to infections is therefore minimized.

Closing Hymn 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

HALL

Verses One and Four Only

Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray, give us the mind of Christ each passing day; teach us to know the truth that sets us free; grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.

Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will; through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill. We yield ourselves to thee—time, talents, all; we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.

Benediction

Postlude

Basse de Cromorne
(2nd Suite)

L. N. Clerambault

*WELCOME VISITORS! As we worship online and in person, we are glad you are with us!
For more information about our church, pastoral help or for prayer requests,
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Calendar

Sunday, November 15

9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Zoom)
10:30 a.m. Worship
3:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, November 16

5:00 p.m. Round Table Pulpit (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. Bible Study class (Zoom)

Tuesday, November 17

11:00 a.m. Finance Ministry
1:00 p.m. CUICHM
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Session

Wednesday, November 18

6:30 p.m. City of God (Zoom)

Wednesday, November 19

6:00 p.m. DRITI

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LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, November 22: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24; Psalm 100 or Psalm 95:1–7a; Ephesians 1:15–23; Matthew 25:31–46.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK this week are Judy Whitson and Annette Parkerson. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

TODAY:

SUNDAY MORNINGS: Nathan Love is leading a discussion on current events with biblical and theological underpinnings. Our materials come from the Wired Word and are emailed out ahead of class each week. 9:00am via zoom. Email Leslee Kirkconnell for zoom information (it will also be included in a separate email each week). This class will run until November 22, and then it will be Advent!!!

TODAY OUR CHILDREN learned in Godly Play about the Ark and the Tent in Exodus 25-31- 35-40. The group meets via zoom at 9:00am and is led by Mary Evans.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE TODAY! Submissions are due today to Diane Simmons. Questions? Email Leslee Kirkconnell.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES (via Zoom). Godly Play meets at 9:00am for our children with Mary Evans. Youth meet with David in the afternoons. Coffee & Conversation meet 9:00am Sundays. Contact Leslee Kirkconnell for information, including zoom links.

ANGEL TREE BEGINS TODAY! Our tree is up and decorated. We have on-line sign up as well as the ability to pick ornaments off our tree (if you are here for worship, or you can stop by during the week). Items will be due back December 16. We have simplified things - one ornament = one person, with a value approx. \$50-75 each.

COMING UP:

GROW FAITH, STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIPS, GO DEEPER! Small groups do all of this! We have some beginning, and more planned later. You can contact Tim Leigh, Julia Roberts, or Karen Watson. Other than the walking group (Karen), all are/will be virtual. Once it is safe to be in person, we will have other groups available.

ROUND TABLE PULPIT continues each Monday at 5:00pm via zoom. Contact the office for the link. Read and discuss the upcoming preaching scriptures, glean insights and perhaps share a story that will inform the sermon! Email Matthew for more information.

OTHER NEWS:

A WEEKLY RSVP IS NEEDED! We are welcoming folks to come in person for worship on Sundays. We need you to please make a reservation for your own safety. When you arrive you will be welcomed by ushers who will help you by taking temperatures and getting contact info. The deadline each week is by NOON on Friday. This deadline allows adequate preparation for the office and our usher teams to arrange seating. We have limited spots, to keep people safely distanced. Please call the office - 270-843-4707, to RSVP. There is very important information you need for attending - [click here](#). Note that a properly worn mask is required at all times in the building. If possible, please print and fill out the COVID-19 Health Checklist and bring with you. **OUR LIVE STREAM WILL CONTINUE!**

WE ARE COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THE Housing Authority. They are in need of items for children - socks, underwear, warm jackets. You can send us a donation to purchase or bring items to the church and we will make sure they get where needed. And watch for Gloves with Love soon!

DAVID'S ROOM IN THE INN BEGINS THIS WEEK! Extra precautions are in place to keep everyone safe. Sign ups are in the 10th Ave Lobby or on our website (<https://bgpres.org/serve/davids-room-in-the-inn>). You may call the office to be added as well. For everyone's safety only those who sign up will be allowed in the building. Questions? [Email Rider Allen](#).

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR DAVID'S ROOM IN THE INN:

- Baked and frozen breakfast casseroles (we have freezer space).
- Bleach wipe canisters (disinfecting wipes)
- Packages of Individually wrapped snack items - cereal bars, chips, cookies, granola bars, etc.
- Big box of QUART size zip locs (to make snack packs to go)
- Big bottles of liquid hand soap refills
- Rags, old Tee-shirts, etc. for wiping down surfaces - we will be making a bleach solution each week, so old ratty items are best as bleach will degrade the fabric.
- Donations may be brought to the office during the week or if you have a Sunday reservation, you can bring then.

HYMN TEXTS FOR THOSE AT HOME WHO WISH TO SING:

God of Grace and God of Glory

*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.*

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door.
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

*Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.*

*Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.*



We express our sympathy to Charlie Capito for the recent death of his brother Johnny Capito.