

SERVING GOD AND YOU TODAY

Preacher	The Rev. J. William Lentz, Jr.
Liturgist	The Rev. Nancy M. Ludwig
Organist	Charlie de Mets
Acolytes	Eric Ralston, 8:15; Alexander Selsor, 11:00
Lectors	Dick Rapson, 8:15; Karen Kearns, 11:00
Greeters	Kathy Grier; 8:15; Karla Weber, 9:30; Jean Kratz, 11:00
Head Usher	Jack Tarman
Ushers	Lyn Matthews, Dick Rapson, Charlie Rumbel, 8:15 Dick Schroeder, Dick Millham, Mike Bernard, Mike Kearns 11:00
Sound Operators	Brad Beck, 8:15; Brad Beck and Ed Travis 9:30; Rudy Cieri, 11:00

PASTORS AND STAFF

J. William Lentz, Jr., Senior Pastor
Nancy M. Ludwig, Associate Pastor
Lilian L. Cotto, Pastor of Latino Ministries

Ruth Kuchinsky-Smith – Director of Music	Karen Douglass – Parish Nurse
Charlie de Mets - Organist	Deborah Gwynn – Business Manager
Susan Tinney – Handbells and Childrens' Choir Conductor	Diane Lenzinski – Church Secretary
Brad Beck – Sexton, Technical Director	Lisa Lang – Administrative Asst.
Brad Beck – Interim Youth Coordinator	Nancy Collier – Media Consultant

NURSERY STAFF

Danielle Cole - Nursery Coordinator Samantha Ford - Nursery Asst.

LEHMAN CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL STAFF

Phyllis Morocco – Director and Teacher	Kathie Beck – Assistant Director and Teacher
Joanne Tompkins – Teacher	Julie Brown - Teacher

Teacher Assistants –
Julie Brown, Jamie Enge,
Kate Kirsch, Heather Zadroga



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8:15 a.m. November 12, 2017 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Quiet Prelude on *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* Wagner
Youth Bell Group, Susan Tinney, Conductor

APOSTOLIC BLESSING AND WELCOME Pastor Bill Lentz

Welcome to our service of worship. Your presence is a great joy to us. Our hope is that you'll feel welcome and that the Spirit of God will touch your soul in worship. Please sign the Covenant of Fellowship, sharing as much information as you'd like, and then pass it down the pew for others to sign.

▲ Please stand if comfortable

▲ CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Nancy Ludwig

Pastor: As Christians, we are minds through which Christ thinks.

People: We are hearts through which Christ loves.

Pastor: We are voices through which Christ speaks.

People: And we are hands through which Christ helps.

Pastor: Let us worship the living Christ in Spirit and Truth.

People: And in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

▲ HYMN *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* No. 127

OPENING PRAYER

O God, we are eager for your presence here today. Give us the patience we need to wait and welcome you. We are aware of how much we need you. We need your healing and comfort. We need your guidance and wisdom. Help us keep a good watch over the world until Christ comes. Fill us with hope and peace in our hearts to be faithful in the waiting. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

INTERLUDE *Improvisation* Charlie de Mets, Organist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Dick Rapson, 8:15; Karen Kearns, 11:00

EPISTLE READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Pew Bible (NT), p. 204

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11:00) *In Faith I Calmly Rest* Bach
Sanctuary Choir with Ashley Salisbury, Soloist
Ruth Kuchinsky-Smith, Director

▲ GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:1-13 Pew Bible (NT), p. 28

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

▲ GLORIA *Glory Be to the Father* No. 70

**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.**

SERMON *Hurry Up and Wait!* Pastor Bill Lentz

Paul's reassurance to the Thessalonians is a prime word of comfort and hope to us all in the aftermath of the Texas church mass murder. God is not unmoved by our grief and loss. Death is a painful experience no matter the circumstances. His word that death is not the last word is illustrated in Jesus' story about young teenage girls who serve as wedding stewards. They wait and watch for the Bridegroom to come, as we wait today with hope for Christ to return to the earth in glory and justice. What are we to do in the waiting?

▲ HYMN *Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom (1, 2, & 5)* No. 508

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE Mark Kirsch and Lisa Macaulay

OFFERINGS OF GRATITUDE *Vocalise* Rachmaninoff

The rose is placed in celebration of the birth of Benjamin Patrick MacNeil, newborn son of Christine and Mike MacNeil, and grandson of John and Marie Snyder.

▲ PROCESSION OF GRATITUDE *Doxology* No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

▲ LITANY OF GENEROSITY (Insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00) *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

▲ HYMN *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* No. 430

▲ BLESSING THE PEOPLE
CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00) *Dona Nobis Pacem*

POSTLUDE *Going Home* Divorak

▲ LITANY OF GENEROSITY

O God, the Spirit of Life and Love,
Bless me with a generous heart.
A generous heart that knows how to give...
When I feel as though I do not have enough to share,
When I feel unappreciated,
When I believe my gifts will fall short of what is needed, expected, or desired,
When my neighbor is in need of mercy, whether asked for or not.



O Christ, the Spirit of Life and Love,
Bless me with a generous heart.
A generous heart that knows how to accept with grace...
When I receive gifts that I fear are undeserved,
When I am forgiven by those I have hurt,
When I am hurting and comfort is received.



O Holy Spirit of Life and Love,
Bless me with a generous heart,
That I may give joyfully,
Receive gratefully,
Share abundantly,
And create loving kindness in my life and the lives of others.

