

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023



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DOING LIFE GOD'S WAY

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PRELUDE

“O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE”

GARY MAYNARD

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: My Lord, what a morning,

People: My Lord, what a morning;

Leader: Oh, my Lord, what a morning;

People: When the stars began to fall.

(Refrain, United Methodist Hymnal, #719, 1989)

***HYMN**

“BLESSED ASSURANCE”

UMH 369

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

UNISON

Gracious Lord, help us to open our hearts, our minds, our spirit to you in this hour. Help us to draw ever closer to you that we may seek you in all that we say and do both today and as long as you grant us breath. Amen.

***RESPONSIVE READING**

PSALM 78:1-7

INSERT

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

SPECIAL MUSIC

“EMBRACE THE CROSS”

GARY MAYNARD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

JOSHUA 24:1-3A, 14-25

SHARING OUR PRAISES & CONCERNS

(PLEASE USE YOUR PRAYER CARD AND PUT IN PRAYER BASKET)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***OFFERING / DOXOLOGY
& OFFERTORY PRAYER**

UMH 95

EPISTLE READING

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

*HYMN *“WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN”* UMH 701

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION INSERT

*GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 25:1-13

SERMON *“LONG HAUL DISCIPLESHIP”*
PASTOR THOM MALCOLM

*HYMN *“SURELY THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD”*
UMH 328

*THE LEADING OF THE LIGHT

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE GARY MAYARD

*****PPR will be meeting after today's Worship Service*****

*****Community Thanksgiving Dinner, today, at 6:00pm.*****

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Sunday School on Sundays at 10:00am. We are completing the study on Dynamite Prayer. On Sunday, December 3rd, we will be starting a new study on Advent by Adam Hamilton.

THANKSGIVING DAY CARDS

If you haven't had the opportunity to sign the Thanksgiving Day cards for those who are unable to attend church, you can still do so after worship service. We want them to know that we miss and care for them during this holiday season. We will be mailing this week.

Pastor Thom and Stephanie will be on vacation for the next two Sundays. Gary Maynard will be delivering the sermon on Sunday, Nov. 19th and Ann Wheeler on Sunday, Nov. 26th.

Prayer List

If you have any additions or modifications to the prayer list, please complete a prayer request card or call the church office. For anyone placed on the prayer list, updates within 3 weeks would be appreciated so our prayer list can be kept current.

**Pam Baker
Dawn Baumgardner
Mike Black
Beth Carson
Bob Carrico
Jill & Jim Combs
Mabel Pillion
Brian Tuttle
Gene Ward
Family of Mark Johnson**

Remember those not able to join us for church:

**Jim & Barbara Christain, Betty Craig,
Donna & Dave Davis, Joy Fetty, Ruth Kelley,
Loretta Hetzer, Patricia Morgan, Jim Reed,
Harold Sowards, Dan & Shirley Webster, Marge Wheeler**

Office Hours: Pastor Thom Malcolm Wed/ Thurs 1:30-4:00

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Pianist:

Gary Maynard

Liturgist:

Dan Wolfe

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events – November & December

Tuesdays & Thursdays	9:30am	Exercise Class
Tuesdays	5:00pm	Choir Practice
Sunday, Nov. 12	6:00am	Thanksgiving Dinner
Saturday, Nov. 18	11:00am	Charge Conference
Tuesday, Nov. 28	10:30am	Hanging of the Greens
Thursday, Nov. 30	10:30am	Hanging of the Greens
Tuesday, Dec. 5	6:00pm	Christmas Dinner

NOVEMBER OUTREACH - SHARE the WARMTH

During the month of November, we will be “sharing the warmth” for those in need of clothing for the winter season. We are asking if you have “gently used” adult warm clothing that you consider donating to this activity.

BACKPACK MINISTRY

Our support of the Backpack Ministry for Kellogg Elementary is feeding 42 children. We donated 220 individual fruit cups in October. *Please bring soup for the month of November.* THANK YOU!

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our church Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5th. The dinner will be catered by Rebel Barn and if you wish to make a reservation, please let Laura Blake know by December 3rd. Cost is \$11, and payment is to be made at time of reservation.

DECEMBER OUTREACH

The Christmas Tree with children’s names will be available on Sunday, November 19th to provide new coats, winter hats, and gloves/mittens. Items need to be returned to the church with the child’s name by Sunday, December 10th.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 78:1-7

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

People: I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,

Leader: things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

People: We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

Leader: He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;

People: that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,

Leader: so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

PRAYER of CONFESSION

O merciful God, we confess that we have not acknowledged you as the source of our successes, our substance, our selves. We have been far more willing to complain when things go wrong than to praise when all is well. We have fed our bodies a rich diet while neglecting to feed our souls. Power and wealth have assumed greater importance to us than sensitivity and service. We have allowed religious words and forms to substitute for living encounters with the people you have called us to love. Forgive us, compassionate Redeemer, and grant us the opportunity to start over again. Keep us from repeating the mistakes of the past or from new evils that could mislead or destroy. In the name of Christ, we offer our earnest prayers for pardon and deliverance. Amen.

(Lavon Bayler, U.S.A., 20th CENT., ALT)