

ORDER OF WORSHIP

25th Sunday After Pentecost

November 10, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Pat Nash

PRELUDE:

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the response.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: **Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

People: **Bless God's holy name forever.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*PRAISE CHORUS: Hymn No 694 "Great God of Every Blessing" vs. 1 AURELIA

Great God of every blessing, of faithful loving care

You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.

Ho can we hope to thank You? Our praise is but a start:

Sincerely and completely I offer You my heart.

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** Lord God, give us strength in trying times and be our help and support in trouble. Help us to remember that You are there in all that we face. It is with joy we worship You today, knowing that You are with us. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 687 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" ST. ANNE

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

Let us pray together

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, whose love knows no ending, hear our prayers. Our lives are often filled with contradictions. We see a world full of hate and anger and do nothing about it. People are suffering from hunger, poverty and want, yet we guard our own possessions greedily. Even in our own families we see the emotional suffering of those we love but cannot reach out to them. Lord, forgive our unwillingness to help those around us. Give us the patience and the skills to help those in need and give us wisdom when we reach out to others. (Say – “Please pray silently,” and after about 20 seconds, say,) In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE:**

Hymn No71 “*Surely It Is God Who Saves Me*” (refrain only) FIRST SONG

Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

You may be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUTH At this time would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Lord, be a lamp for our souls as we read and hear Your word. Illuminate it with the glow of Christ’s love and light a fire in our hearts for Your love. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 146, please read it responsively with me.

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

People: When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

People: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

Leader: who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

People: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

Leader: The Lord watches over the strangers; He upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

People: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS Our Old Testament Lesson comes from 1 Kings 17:8-16 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 324 of the Old Testament

1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM: “*God’s Word*”

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Mark 12:38-44, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 49-50 of the New Testament

Mark 12:38-44

³⁸As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 708 “*We Give Thee but Thine Own*” SCHUMANN

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

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 on 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.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 “*Glory Be to the Father*” 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.**

You may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERTORY:

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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.

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Be present in these gifts we give and in the lives we long to live. Teach us Lord to give thanks and pray, today and every coming day. Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

*** HYMN** No. 761 "*Called as Partner's in Christ's Service*" BEECHER

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 542 "*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*" vs 1 GOD BE WITH YOU
God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide uphold you,
With a shepherds care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:**

***Those who are able may stand.**

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Please join us for Refreshments
in the Opportunity Corner Following the Worship Service

Daily Bread

Supplement

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CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY AND GLASSES FOR THE LIONS CLUB

We will continue to collect clothes for the needy and glasses for the Lions Club. Please bring in your donations and put them in the designated places in the Opportunity Corner.

HEARING ASSIST UNITS

Thanks to Barry Krueger we now have Hearing Assist Units. If you would like to use one, they are available on the counter in the sanctuary kitchen.

DESOTO FOOD PANTRY

DeSoto Food Pantry needs the help of the community to continue to feed the less fortunate in our city. The best way to help is through monetary donations. \$1 can buy as much as \$7 worth of food. They buy their food through the North Texas Food Bank, so it is much cheaper than buying food at a grocery store. However, all donations are welcome and appreciated. Thank you to all that continue to donate to this great cause.

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

We are having a Thanksgiving Luncheon next Sunday, November 17th following the Worship Service. Please let Heidi know (or you can email me at the church) what you are planning on bringing. I know Joe is bringing a turkey, and Lorrinda is bringing sweet potato casserole, I will bring dressing.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY

10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

12:15 PM Thanksgiving Luncheon

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

Martha Brashear – continued prayers

The church and nation of Ukraine

Makia's people in Cameroon

DeSoto Food Pantry

Prayers for the people in Nigeria

Max Jewell is at home, but needs our continued prayers as he is still recovering

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Janet

The Israel-Hamas War

Prayers for those who are hungry and without clean drinking water

People all over the world are hungry, not just for food, but for the word of God.

Alice Anne has a good friend, Jeremy, who is in the hospital and needs our prayers

Continued prayers for Joan and Bill and Lori as a caretaker

Everyone on the East Coast affected by the hurricane

Ruth Gump had a stroke

The storms may be over, but people are still suffering because of them. Please pray for them, and consider donating to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program

Martha's daughter is having shoulder surgery

CELEBRATIONS

I want to thank Pat, Lorrinda, Elizabeth, Steve and Heidi for helping me with Gene and Jewell's wedding. You all made my life a little easier. God bless you.