



Welcome to Worship

Sunday, October 22, 2023

9:00 & 11:10 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Today we look to 2024 and ask God's blessing as we plan for the future.

You may drop your 2024 pledge card in the offering plate today or mail it to the church office asap!

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *As the prelude begins, you are invited to begin your personal preparation for worship.*

"A Child Is Born" (9:00)

Thad Jones

"Prelude 1 & 2" (11:10)

Herman Schroeder

SILENT MEDITATION

"Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left."

-Bishop Fulton J. Sheen (1895-1979)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have been blessed by the eternal God, who has been faithful to us.

As thankful stewards, we will remain faithful to God.

God has empowered us with the Holy Spirit to be our Comforter and Guide, our unfailing source of strength.

As Spirit-filled stewards, we will remain faithful to Christ, whom we worship and adore!

PRAISE AND ADORATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE # 716** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH STREET

(*Please stand, if you are able.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in scripture you implore us to learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, and plead for the widow. Yet, we often turn away from those in need and focus on our own wants instead. We prefer to gather riches and champion the powerful rather than give to just one in need. God, help us refocus on our hearts and our heads to helping those who need us most, that they would live in the fullness of your creation.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON (#551)

"Lord, Have Mercy"

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

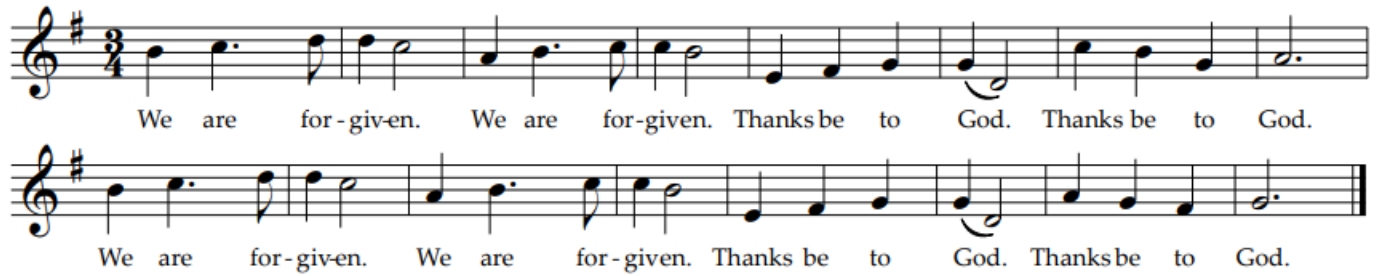
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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI (#447)

"We Are Forgiven"

WE ARE FORGIVEN



The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn "We Are Forgiven". The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the first staff, the lyrics are: "We are for-giv-en. We are for-given. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God." The second staff repeats the same melody and lyrics.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Karen Morey, for the BURM Conference

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Mimi Bauer, co-Moderator, Finance Committee

HYMN # 708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMANN

During the hymn, children are invited to come forward for a time with Dr. Zieman

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

ANTHEM

"Spiritual" (9:00)

arr. Charlie Haden

"O for a closer walk with God" (11:10)

C.V. Stanford

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22: 15-22

page 803 of the pew Bible

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"The Things That Are Already God's"

Dr. Zieman

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from The Confession of Belhar, South Africa, 1986

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe ... that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways;

in that we love one another;

that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;

that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another.

***SANCTUS (#572)**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

(Pavlechko)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na
 in the high-est. — Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Nearer My God to Thee” (9:00)
 “Amazing Grace” (11:10)

arr. Charlie Haden
 Marianne Forman

*** DOXOLOGY (#607)**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDTH
Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all people here below.
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore. Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Creator of all, the earth is yours, the world and all who live in it.

You have entrusted us with gifts - time, talent, energy, money - and asked us to use them to build your kingdom. With thanks and praise, we respond to your call.

We bring these gifts you have given, returning your generosity, paying it forward.

We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours. We commit ourselves to work for your world, to love and serve wherever you call.

We ask your blessing on this, your church, as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future, that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

***HYMN OF DEDICATION # 711**

Lord of All Good

TOULON

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Go Now In Peace” (9:00)

Don Besig

Amen from “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” (11:10)

John Rutter

Go now in peace. Ne - ver be a - fraid. God will go with you each hour of ev-'ry day. Go now in faith,
 stead-strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you be-lieve.
 Reach out to oth-ers so all the world can see. God will be there watch-ing from a - bove. Go now in peace, in
 faith, and in love. — A - men. — A - men. — A - men. —

POSTLUDE

“Prelude 6”

Herman Schroeder

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

- Liturgist** Jean Lynn, Moderator, Personnel Committee
- Music** 9:00 Michael Frederickson, piano; Larry Frederickson, bass; Mark Kanitz, organ
11:10 Alleluia Singers; Mark Kanitz, organ
- Ushers** 9:00: Darold Bauer, Captain, Mimi Bauer, Mike & Sherryl Shannon, Julie Buehler
11:10 Dennis Bosen, Captain, Amy Boesen, Bidong Tot
- Greeters** 9:00 North Door: Karen & Owen Saunders
9:00 Welcome Center: Bob and Judy Thomas
: 11:10 North Door: Kathy and Paul Nickel
11:10 Welcome Center: Tim and Kris Goodman
- Information Center** 9:00 Kathy Nickel 11:10: Pam Swenson
- Childcare Ministry** Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, and Brandon Fisher
- Coffee Host** Dawn Gibson
- Flowers** The flowers this morning are given by Linda Dobry in memory of her husband, Dr. Charles A. Dobry and also by Don and Sharon Sievers in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary on October 18.

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Announcements

For the week of October 22, 2023



The Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 22 - Stewardship Sunday

- 9:00 "We Are Americans" Class
- 9:00 Worship in Sanctuary
- 10:00 Children's/Youth Sunday School, Albert Sweitzer Class, Coffee Fellowship
- 11:10 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
- 4:00 SHF Top Golf
- 4:45 JHF Fellowship
- 5:00 GALS Potluck and Craft Night

Monday, October 23

- 9 & 11 Music & Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 5:30 Benefits Task Force
- 6:30 Session

Tuesday, October 24

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 Staff Mtg
- 1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 5:30 Vesper Ambassador Meeting
- 6:00 Cross Care

Wednesday, October 25

- 5:15 Children's Choir
- 5:15 PCOC Book Group
- 5:50 Chamber Singers
- 6:00 Cornerstone Dinner
- 6:30 Bible Study & Adult Education
- 6:30 Confirmation Class
- 6:50 Alleluia Singers

Thursday, October 26

- 9 & 11 Music & Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:00 Carillon Choir

Sunday, October 29

- 9:00 "We Are Americans" Class
- 9:00 Worship in Sanctuary
- 10:00 Children's/Youth Sunday School, Albert Sweitzer Class, Coffee Fellowship
- 11:10 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
- 2:00 JHF/SHF Prepare for Trunk or Treat
- 3:00 Trunk or Treat

Joys and Concerns. Member Phyllis Armstrong passed away on October 17 at the age of 89. Her memorial service will be on Monday, October 23 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Visitation will begin at 9:30 in the Welcome Center, and a luncheon will follow the service in Fellowship Hall. Please keep Phyllis' family in prayer. The Deacons are looking for volunteers to assist with the luncheon. If you are able to help, please sign up online. Let's also continue to pray for Stan Hale as he continues to recover from surgery at Brookstone Meadows.

2023 Stewardship Campaign. We ask that you return your Commitment Card in the offering plate today, or please mail it to the office so Session may complete the process of preparing the 2024 budget.

Albert Schweitzer – A Modern Saint Begins Today. Carl Greiner's class will meet in the Courtyard Room on Sundays, October 22, 29 and November 5, 12. Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965) was an accomplished organist, writer, musician, physician, and missionary. This class will review his autobiography *Out of My Life and Thought*.

Youth Groups Tonight. SHF is going to Top Golf. Advanced RSVP was required, but if you signed up, here are the details. Meet at the church at 4, carpool, play from 4:30 – 6:30. We will be back at the church at 6:45 p.m. for pickup. JHF will meet at the church at 4:45 to paint pumpkins.

GALS Tonight at 5 p.m. If you signed up for this event, we'll see you for food, fellowship, and crafts at the Voss home.

Trunk or Treat on October 29. Join us on the East Lawn on Sunday, October 29 at 3:00 p.m. for fun, games, and trunk or treating. Be sure to wear your costume and bring a bucket for your treats. Please sign up online, so we have an idea of how many to expect. We are accepting donations of individually wrapped candy or treats; place them in the bin in the Lobby.



Belarus, Ukraine, Russia Mission Conference in November. Church of the Cross is hosting the 2023 Annual BURM Conference on November 2-4, 2023, and YOU are invited to participate! We also need volunteers to help us host. Sign up online!



Fall Clean-Up November 4 from 9 a.m. to Noon. B&G needs your help with this fall's clean-up day to prepare our landscaped areas for the winter season. All ages and families are invited to help. Bring your rake, trimmers, work gloves, and smiles! We'll share donuts and beverages, too.

Remembrance Service is Sunday, November 5 at 4:00 p.m. Our church's Cross Care Connections program is reaching out to members and families to come and remember your loved one during an afternoon service in our sanctuary. You are invited to stay for continued fellowship at the reception following in the Welcome Center.

49ers on November 7. Our speakers will be Tim and Lisa Trudell, authors of *Lost Treasures of Omaha*. Remember cruising Dodge Street? How about a family dinner at Mr. C's? Did you know Fred Astaire got his start here in Omaha? Omaha has a lot of history and trivia to offer. Join authors Tim and Lisa as they take us down a nostalgic look at our city's history. We meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at WHEATFIELDS, 1224 South 103rd Street (One Pacific Place). We order from a special menu provided for our group. Everyone is welcome - whether you are 49, younger, or older - come join us! For reservations and/or questions, please contact Mary Ott or Judy Sundberg. Or, sign up in the white binder at the Information Desk.

Family Mission Project at the Zoo. The Mission committee has arranged a family gathering at the Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium on Saturday, November 11 at 10 a.m. There is no cost to attend, and we will gather in the Enrichment Room to make items for the Animal Care Staff to give to various animals. After completing the projects, families can enjoy the rest of the zoo. This event is limited to 20 people, ages 8 and older. It's a fun way to meet other church families, assist the zoo, and explore the #1 zoo in the nation. Sign up online. Questions? Contact Sandi Stuckey.



Classic Shrimp Boil Dinner & Fundraiser – UPDATED. Presbyterian Men are hosting an old-fashioned shrimp boil on Sunday, November 12 in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. Dave Webber, former WOWT Sports Director, will sing and entertain. Enjoy scrumptious 'JUMBO' fresh shrimp (or chicken cordon bleu) served with all the fixins! The cost is \$17 per person. ALL proceeds will go to purchase baby formula for Heartland Hope Mission (HHM). Sign up and pay in advance (make checks to Presbyterian Men) at the Information Desk by Sunday, November 5. Questions? Contact Jim Miller or Frank McMullen.

Advent Workshop on Sunday, November 19. Our Senior High Youth Group will prepare and serve lunch after late worship, then the crafting begins. Register online by November 1!

Poinsettias for Advent. You may order red poinsettias for our Sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone you love. The cost for each plant is \$17. Order forms are available at the Information Desk in the Welcome Center and online. **Orders Due November 8.**

Children's Christmas Pageant – Sign Up by November 1. The Children's Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, December 3 at 5:00 p.m. All children (preschool – 5th grade) will be wearing costumes and singing, and registration is required to participate. Sign up by November 1.

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