

*Your Friendly  
Community Church*



**November 12, 2023**

***Twenty-fourth  
Sunday after  
Pentecost***

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# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

## **WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sherry Smoak

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Put your oil in your lamp! Keep it burning!

**People: We'll put oil in our lamps today!**

Leader: Salvation is at the door! Greet it's coming!

**People: Turn the wick up high and lead the way!**

**\*HYMN**

**UMH #714**

"I Know Whom I Have Believed"

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Loving God, you are the great comforter. When the world around us turns cold, we feel you blanketing us with your love. Our lives are tied to yours, knotted together through thick and thin. How near you are! You are so constant and faithful to us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Jane Massey

We invite any children present to participate.

## **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

**ANTHEM**

Choir

"In His Time"

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

O God, let us behold your kingdom in all it's glory and embrace it with all our hearts. Grant us strength and comfort in the palm of your hand. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**\*OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

**OT #508**

Psalm 78:1-7

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

**NT #26**

Matthew 25:1-13

**SERMON**

Rev. Laurie Brandes

"This Little Light of Mine"

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER**

## 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

Lady Imperio

### \*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH #881

"The Apostles' Creed"

## WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

### \*HYMN

UMH #723

"Shall We Gather at the River"

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*AMEN RESPONSE

"Let the Church Say Amen"

### \*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you to our worship service this morning. If you are visiting, please complete a visitor's card located in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

We want to thank all our veterans for their service, dedication, courage, and sacrifices. Wishing each of you a Happy Veterans' Day!

All veterans are invited to join us this evening for our "Veterans Helping Veterans" event. The program will begin at 5 pm with a meal to follow. Our honored guest will be World War II veterans. Col.(ret) Robert Manning will be the guest speaker and music will be provided by the All Veteran Brass Quintet.

Thanks to all who removed tags from the Giving Tree. Please return your gift by Sunday, November 26.

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, November 30, from 12:30-1:45 in the CLC for a very important "Lunch and Learn" on estate planning. Please RSVP to Dave Petty or Bill Rose.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, November 12

5:00 Veterans' Event

Wednesday, November 15

5:45 Choir Practice – Choir Room

## SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

You are welcomed to attend one of our Sunday School classes:

**Crossroads SS Class** meets via Zoom at 9am  
Contact L.W. Smith for Zoom invite.

**Pathfinder SS Class** meets at 9:45 am in the  
parlor in the Education Building.

**Children's SS Class** meets at 9:45 am in the  
nursery in the Education building.

## HEARING DEVICES

If you would like to use a hearing assistance device, please see an usher for assistance.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write your prayer requests in the book found on the podium located at the back of the sanctuary before the service begins. Your prayers will be lifted up.

## 2023 FINANCES

**2023 Budget = \$229,008.00**

**Need to Receive Weekly = \$4,404.00**

**Received for General Budget on 11/05/23=\$3,904.00**

**Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$141,578.00**

We are excited to have you in our worship service today. We love that the walls of our building do not limit the impact of our ministry and have a wonderful community joining us today virtually. As such, we would like to remind all in attendance that your presence in our worship service indicates your approval that you and all minors you represent being recorded for our digital usage. This includes, but is not limited to, your image, name, and involvements in today's services.