

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE #37 "Let All Things Now Living"
(Prepare for worship in silent prayer and reflection)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Rev. Jeff Binder*

INTROIT #203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

WORDS OF PRAISE **Psalm 33:1-5** *Cindy Cooke*

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

Praise befits the upright.

Praise the Lord with the lyre;

make melody to God with the harp of ten strings.

Sing to the Lord a new song;

play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the Lord is upright,

and all God's work is done in faithfulness.

The Lord loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN #716 "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

*OPENING PRAYER *Cindy Cooke*

Gracious God, through the waters of baptism, you have claimed us as your own and called us to share in your blessings. Yet we have been selfish at times, hiding your gifts from others. We have lived in scarcity rather than your abundance.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may discern the gifts you have given, and together use these gifts for the good of all. In obedience to Christ, and in the unity of his Spirit, may we live as your people and show forth your saving love in the world.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE *Cindy Cooke*

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins,
strengthen us in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Alleluia!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *Cindy Cooke*

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

(Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.)

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE** "Thank You, Lord" (3x)
"I Just Want to Thank You, Lord" *Dr. Renee Huff*

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 25:14-30** *Rev. Jeff Binder*

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "The Reason We Sing" by Dick and Melodie Tunney
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SERMON "What to Do with Talents?" *Rev. Jeff Binder*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #694** "Great God of Every Blessing"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Book of Common Worship*

**As many of us as were baptized into Christ have clothed
ourselves with Christ.**

**There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or
free, there is no longer male and female; for all are one in
Christ Jesus.**

**There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to
the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all
and in all.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *Hymnal P. 35*

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP *Amanda Avery*

CALL TO OFFERING *Rev. Jeff Binder*

OFFERTORY *Dr. Renee Huff*

***DOXOLOGY #606** Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

*CLOSING HYMN #612 "We Praise You, O God"

*BLESSING & SENDING Revelation 7:12 Rev. Jeff Binder

May God's blessings be upon you this day and every day.

May we live our lives radiating God's abundance in this world and the next.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever.

Alleluia! Amen.

*POSTLUDE #826 "Lift High the Cross"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HANDBELL CHOIR is practicing Christmas music on Monday nights. Our next rehearsal is Monday, November 20 at 7:00pm in the Handbell Room. Please contact Dr. Huff if you have questions.

THE CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for Thanksgiving. Pastor Jeff will be off Tuesday, November 21 and Wednesday, November 22. Heidi will be off Wednesday, November 22. We hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving!

FIRST PRES CHRISTMAS PARADE OPEN HOUSE will take place Monday, November 27 at 7:00pm. Please contact Sam Clem if you have questions.

SANCTUARY DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS Volunteers are needed to assist with decorating the sanctuary for Advent. Decorating will take place Tuesday, November 28. Pizza will be served at 6:00pm, and decorating will begin at 6:30pm. Please contact Mary Meade if you have questions. Thank you!

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Renee & Anthony Huff and their family; healing for Ann and Bill Ashworth; Louise Whipple; Paul Goble; Jim Cooke; Karen Shipsted & Angela Pumpry (friends of Robin Knott); Charlie Obaugh; Natalie Dodge; Sherry von Oeyen; Alan Obaugh; Justin Tate

Please contact Heidi in the church office or Pastor Jeff to have names added or removed from the prayer list.

Elders

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Amanda Avery, Worship
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Mary Meade, Worship
Barbara Richardson, Congregational Life

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