

Thanksgiving Sunday

November 19, 2017 9:30a.m.

During Worship, we offer a nursery for children under 5.

The nursery is in the northeast hallway of the church. Ask anyone for directions.

Gathering

- A Welcome Rev. Laurie Lewis
- Prelude *What Wondrous Love is This* –traditional American melody, setting – Don Hustad
organist – Carol Anne Smock
The Light of Christ fills our Sanctuary
- *Call to Worship and Invocation Marlene Wegner
WL: Let us gather together in thanksgiving to God.
P: For God satisfies the thirsty, and fills the hungry with good things.
WL: We gather in gratitude for our bounteous blessings.
P: God's steadfast love endures forever.
- *Hymn *Come, Ye Thankful People Come* 718
- *Passing the Peace of Christ
L: May the peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.
P: And also with you.

The Word

- Scripture Lesson Ephesians 1.15-23 NTp. 181
- Sharing the Names on Our Hearts
Lift up the name of someone who needs our prayers.
- Hymn *Holy Ground* 112
- Community Prayer and Lord's Prayer
- Scripture Lesson Matthew 25.31-46 edited NTp. 27
L: The Word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.
- *Gloria Patri 36
- Anthem *In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him* – arr. Lloyd Larson
flute – Alexis Harper, oboe – Clayton Dunaway, accompanist – Carol Anne Smock
Chancel Choir, director - Warren Townsend
- Sermon *Thankful for the Oddest Things*
- *Hymn *Now Thank We All Our God* 715 (1)

The Lord's Table

- Invitation to the Offering
- Offertory *Wonderful Peace*– W.G. Cooper
- *Doxology
- *Prayer of Dedication Lori Ray
- Hymn *We Gather Together* 276 (1,2)
- Invitation to Share in the Feast
*We believe that every person who confesses faith in Jesus Christ,
whether he/she is a member of this congregation or not,
is welcome to join us as we break bread together.*
- Words of Institution
L: It was on that night in the Upper Room, Jesus took the bread
and broke it saying,
P: This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.
L: Then He took the cup after Supper saying,
**P: This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you
drink it in remembrance of me.**
- Prayer of Blessing Marian Johnson
- ### Going Forth
- Invitation to Membership
*If you would like to join our church, either by confession of faith prior to Baptism
or by transferring your membership from another congregation, please come forward
during the hymn and the minister will welcome you.*
- *Hymn *Let All Things Now Living* 717 (1)
- The Light of Christ leads us out into the World
- *Benediction
- Postlude *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* – Peter Scholtes
(*Indicates to stand as you are able)
*Please join us for Sunday School at 11 am.
There is coffee in the Fellowship Hall. Ask anyone for directions.*

THE SUNDAY EDITION

Welcome! We strive to make the Lord's house a place of joy. With joy, we welcome you and pray that you're filled with hope and happiness as you lift up your heart to God.

Disciple Women's Project - November 2017



Let's make this an extra-special Christmas. We've "adopted" six boys and girls who currently reside in local foster homes, for Christmas. We have their wish lists and are asking for your help to provide Christmas gifts for them this year. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex along with copies of each child's "wish list".

We are asking that you sign up and let us know what gift you will be purchasing for the child you've chosen, so as to avoid duplicates. If you are not able to shop, but would like to donate to this project, just mark your donation "DW Angel Tree" and drop in the collection basket. Please bring your gifts unwrapped to the church before December 8th. Bless you for blessing a child. May the joyous spirit of Christmas abide within you.

We will once again host the Community Christmas Dinner. The dinner will be Monday, December 25th from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. Volunteers are needed to help cook, clean and deliver meals. Desserts are also needed, as well as 10# cans of green beans. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex if you would like to help. There is no charge for these meals, but donations are appreciated. If you wish to donate, please mark the offering envelope "Christmas Dinner."



Thanksgiving Offering November 12 & 19

Your gift to the Thanksgiving offering helps to support the work of our fourteen Disciples related colleges and universities and seven seminaries and divinity houses. Please give generously to this year's Thanksgiving offering. Your gifts make a world of difference as Disciples continue our legacy of supporting education and our institutions of higher learning.

Serving Today (November 19) Deacons: Barbara Robbins, Jean Reeves, Val McElroy, Jeanette Horton **Sound Board:** Dean Cramer

Serving Next Week (November 26) Elders: Sherrie Coltrain, Steve Fincher

Worship Leader: Jewell Reed **Deacons:** Jerry Janssen, Marlene Wegner, Dori Howerter, Sharon Ryan **Sound Board:** Lori Ford

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