

November 24th, 2019

*This is the day that the LORD has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Please greet those around you before the announcements begin.

Moments of Meditation

While the music is being played, quietly prepare your heart for worship.

“Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything.” Ephesians 5:20

Prelude *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. McMillin

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Greeting (Sharing God’s Welcome)

Interlude *Give Thanks* arr. Pethel
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***Call to Worship** Psalm 138:1-2

***Hymn of Praise** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* No. 295

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
hark! how the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace; whose pow’r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise;
His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet
fair flow’rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 9:1-13
Pew Bible Page 483

Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are varieties of service, but the same Lord. We read of the gifts and we desire them. But we so often fail to recognize that the gifts are for service, not for self-aggrandizement. Whatever gifts we have, let us use them for service, for the building up of the body. Let us not hide them under a basket, but rather put them to use for the good of the body of Christ. Let us not consider the greatness or the smallness of our gifts, but only their service to the body. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 138:7-8

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me. ⁸ The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Now Thank We All Our God

No. 98

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Heidelberg Catechism 31, 32

Q. 31 Why is he called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

A. Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance, our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father, and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

Q. 32 But why are you called a Christian?

A. Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.

Prayer of Intercession

Tithes and Offering

Let All Things Now Living

arr. Schrank

*Hymn of Preparation

Love of God

No. 76



Love of God, re - vealed in won - der by the works of a Mak - er's
Love of God, re - vealed in frail - ty through the gift of a ser - vant
Love of God, what price - less treas - ure o - ver all this world af -



hand; Seas that roar with thun-d'rous splen - dour, fields that
King; Sov-'reign pow'r robed in hu - man - i - ty, prince of
fords. To be His and His for - ev - er this my



whis - per at His com-mand. All the joys of life we cher - ish are God's gra-cious
peace crowned with suf - fer - ing. Oh, what love, that calls hu - man - i - ty to kneel at the
glo - ry and my re - ward! May this love, be - yond all know - ing, so cap - ture my



sign: We are chil - dren of His prom - ise, heirs of mer - cy and grace di -
cross and ex - change our sin's fu - til - i - ty for the joy of a Fa - ther's
soul that I'm filled to o - ver - flow - ing with a pas - sion for Him a -



vine. Un-fail-ing love, from Heav-en's throne, that sought me out and brought me
love.
lone!



home. My song of praise shall ev - er be: _____ The Fa - ther's love for me.

Outline

1. Personal Peace

2. Corporate Peace

3. Preserving Peace

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. Paul urges his readers to let their gentleness be known. Read Matthew 11:28-30 and 12:15-21. To whom do these verses refer? What can we learn from Jesus' example?
2. Paul also exhorts the Philippians to NOT be anxious. Read Matthew 6:19-34. What truths can you identify as being vital for ridding ourselves of anxiety?
3. It is easy to allow discord and petty rivalry to enter into our relationships. Identify areas in which you know this is presently taking place. How will the principles explained in this section bring correction and healing in these strained relationships?
4. Some people consider joy merely a feeling to be experienced. How does the teaching in Phil. 4:1-9 put joy into a clearer perspective of living life in close relationship with Jesus? What other practical elements are involved in the cultivation of joy?

***Hymn of Response**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

No. 715

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown:
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take His harvest home;
from His field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to Thy final harvest home;
gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
there forever purified, in Thy presence to abide:
come, with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

***Benediction**

***Gloria Patri**

No. 735

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.

***Postlude**

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Kellner

*** Congregation:** Please stand as able.

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**Piano & Organ
Intercessory Prayer**

Sandy Schoon
Nelson Schoon, Elder

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 11/24	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Carry-in Thanksgiving Meal
SUN 12/01	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	5:00 PM	Youth Bible Study
	6:00 PM	<i>The Christmas Star</i> presentation

Important Upcoming Events

SAT 12/07	12:00 PM	Stechly Baby Shower
SAT 12/07	11:00 PM	"Matt Stechly, ' <i>Beards & Bullseyes BBQ</i> '"
SAT 12/21	12:00 PM	Christmas Cookie Exchange

Serving the Lord

	11/24	12/01	12/08
AM Nursery	B. Hrivnak, Emily S.	L. Martin, Grace M.	B. Schoon, Krystal T.
Greeters	Stoltzfus	DeGroot	C.L. Yonker
Treats	Carry-in lunch	Lash	Schoon
Serve/Cleanup	Carry-in lunch	Lash	Schoon
Audio	B. Schoon	J. Martin	B. Armstrong
Elder of the Week	Schoon	Hrivnak	Stoltzfus

Announcements

☞ **Thanksgiving Celebration Dinner:** Please stay for the carry-in lunch today after the morning worship service. Pastor Andrew will lead the devotions after the meal. We will enjoy fellowship and have an opportunity as a church family to thank God for His goodness.

Ken Coppage: Ken was released from Porter Memorial Hospital after having a pacemaker implanted last week. Ken is now in Room 105, Avalon Springs Health Campus, 2400 Silhavy Road, Valparaiso, IN 46383.

☞ **Decorating for Christmas:** Everyone is invited to come and help the Worship Committee put up the Christmas decorations at church tomorrow (November 25) at 5 pm. We will order in pizza when the work is completed.

☞ **Order a Poinsettia in Memory of Your Loved One:** Holidays are a time to remember those loved ones who have gone before us. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for \$5 we will purchase these and put them in the sanctuary on December 15. Please sign up for a poinsettia in the foyer and also list the name of the loved one whose memory you are honoring. These names will be posted in the bulletin on December 15 so we can honor these individuals as a congregation.

☞ **Christmas Star Presentation:** Next Sunday evening, December 1, Bruce Hrivnak will give the presentation *The Christmas Star* at our church starting at 6 pm. There will be refreshments after the talk. There are fliers on the table in the narthex that can be used to invite your friends and neighbors.

☞ **Brunch Cancelled for November and December:** There will be no Thursday brunch at Viking Chili Bowl during the months of November and December due to the holidays. If weather permits, this time of meeting will again be scheduled January 30.

☞ **Stechly Baby Shower:** The ladies of Good Shepherd are hosting a baby shower for Ashley Stechly on Saturday, December 7. Please join us as we gather at the Gretzinger's home at 12:00 for food, fun, and fellowship celebrating Matt and Ashley's wonderful blessing! Ashley is registered at Babylist.com. Also, there are note cards placed on the table in the lobby if you would like to give Matt and Ashley a favorite Bible verse, quote, or special words of wisdom. We will collect them at the shower so please be sure to bring them with you! If you can't attend the shower but would still like to give them a note card, please return it to Lorrie, Jenni, or Valerie and they'll include it in the box. Please don't forget to RSVP!

☞ **"Matt Stechly, 'Beards & Bullseyes BBQ'":** This event will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 11 am till 2 pm at the Lindborg Farm, 3606 W. 800 S., Union Mills, IN 46382. Pulled pork BBQ with a side and drink will be served. Suggested donation of \$10 for lunch and \$5 per 25 shotgun shells. Please sign up in the foyer, and if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Andrew (andrew.gretzinger@goodshepherdpcanet.net or 330-260-8142).

☞ **Christmas Cookie Exchange:** Jenni Gretzinger would like to invite the woman of Good Shepherd, and any family or friends that would like to come, to join in a new tradition of fellowship. On December 21 at 12:00 o'clock, we will have a cookie exchange. Please bring 4 dozen cookies (bought or homemade) and return home with a new assortment of cookies. A soup lunch will be provided for you. Save the date for a time of meditation on the advent season and singing some carols. What a lovely way to get to know each other a little more and celebrate the birth of our King! A sign-up sheet is on the table in the foyer. Hope to see you there! *Please don't let the need for 4 dozen cookies to keep you away.... bring any or none...