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Our mission is to worship and honor God, and to bring people to Christ. It is our joy to be stewards of the Good News of the love of God in Jesus Christ.

> November 17, 2024 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION # 117

"There is a Redeemer"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy, holy, is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.

Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.

ALL: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #721

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*GLORIA PATRI HYMN #734

ANTHEM "Thy Kingdom Come" Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 N.T. Page 204

Revelation 7:1-14 N.T. Page 249

^{*}Prayers of Personal Confession

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Mars Home for Youth

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

"We Gather Together"

*Doxology

HYMN #34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

(see Prayer List)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Say "Peace be with you"

*HYMN #317

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (repeat)

**And now, let the weak say, I am strong, Let the poor say, I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us (repeat from **)

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• Large Print bulletins are available from an usher.

Rev. Edward Gray, Pastor
Ruth Poscich, Director of Music
Eddie Gray, Audio/Video Technician
This morning we are blessed with the following participants and volunteers:
8:30 a.m. Worship Leader: Sharon Beatty
11:00 a.m. Worship Leader: Karen Gray
11:00 a.m. Musicians: The Chancel Choir; Michael Bellavia, guitar



November 17, 2024 through November 24, 2024

Today	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Worship Service – Laird Hall Sunday School Worship Service – Sanctuary Cantata Choir Concert Sanctuary
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Rangers Breakfast, Fellowship Dicks Diner Staff Meeting Skip Noftzger Retirement Dinner Christian Education Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Sew What – Conference Room Joy Ringers Rehearsal
Thursday	1:15 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Moms in Prayer – Lounge Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Presbytery Meeting – New Alexandria
Sunday	St Andrew S 8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship Service – Laird Hall Sunday School Worship Service – Sanctuary Sandwich Sunday – Conference Room

^{**}Meals on Wheels every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday in Laird Hall

^{**}Friends' Kitchen is the first Wednesday of each month at Laird Hall

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

DEACONS' PRAYER LIST

Lift-up in prayer the residents and families who have suffered through Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton especially those in Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia.

Announcements

<u>We welcome Karen Harvey</u> this morning to share a Moment for Mission. Karen is from Mars Home Youth Service which is a friend of our church.

<u>The Cantata Choir</u> will present "A Patriotic Thanksgiving" here in our sanctuary, this afternoon at 4:00. The Cantata Choir will sing a selection of sacred anthems celebrating Thanksgiving and also observing Veterans Day with patriotic numbers. The choir will be augmented with accompaniment of percussion, trumpet, flute and violin.

Be sure not to miss it!

We are accepting donations for gloves, mittens, and hats for primary school children.

A tree is set-up in the Narthex and a clothesline is hung in Laird Hall to gather the items until tomorrow, Monday, November 18. Thank you all for your donations.

<u>Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Shoe Boxes</u> and information pamphlets are available in Laird Hall and the Narthex. Please return your filled shoeboxes to the church or Laird Hall by Monday, November 18.

<u>Warm Hugs</u> will be given on November 20 so as not to interfere with the Thanksgiving holiday.

<u>St. Andrew's Sunday</u> is November 24. There will be Scottish Treats during the Sandwich Sunday social in the conference room following the 11:00 a.m. service.

The Christmas Tree decorating in the Sanctuary and in Laird Hall will be November 30. If you would like to help, please come to the Sanctuary or Laird Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Please Mark Your Calendars for the Annual Christmas Dinner on December 15.

<u>Presbyterian Disaster Assistance</u> (PDA) is accepting monetary donations for the hurricane victims in Georgia, Tennessee, North Caroline and Florida. Information is in the Narthex and in Laird Hall.



Next week, November 24, the Sunday School discussion will focus on the following Scriptures:

Revelation 5:1-5

Daniel 6:1-23

We will be discussing Chapters 9-11 in the book <u>WHAT HAPPENS NEXT</u> by Max Lucado. Copies are available in the Narthex. A free-will donation is welcome to help offset the cost of the books.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV 17	CANTATA CHOIR CONCERT
Nov 18	Session Meeting
Nov 20	Warm Hugs
Nov 20	Lunch Bunch
Nov 24	ST Andrews Sunday
Nov 28	Thanksgiving
Nov 30	DECORATE SANCTUARY
DEC 3	DEACONS MEETING
DEC 4	Friends' Kitchen
DEC 14	WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
DEC 15	Preschool Sunday
DEC 15	CHRISTMAS DINNER