

November 24, 2024
Thanksgiving Sunday / Sacrament of Holy Baptism

WELCOME

PRELUDES (A Time for Quiet Meditation)

He Is King of Kings
Voluntary on Kremser

Anthony Giamanco
Robert Lind

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER CONCERNS AND REQUESTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #388

Come All You People *Uyai Mose*

***Come all you people, come and praise your Maker; come all you people,
come and praise your Maker; come all you people, come and praise your
Maker; come now and worship the Lord.***

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RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 100)

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord; all the earth.

All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

All: Give thanks to him, bless his name.

One: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

All: And his faithfulness to all generations.

***OPENING SONG #657**

Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness *Glendon*
(refrain)

***Sing to God, with joy and gladness, hymns and psalms of gratitude; with
the voice of praise discover that to worship God is good.***

(verse 1)

***God unites the scattered people, gathers those who wandered far, heals
the hurt and broken spirits, tending every wound and scar.***

(refrain)

(verse 3)

***God with clouds the sky has curtained, thus ensuring rain shall fall;
earth, responding, grows to order food for creatures great and small.***

(refrain)

(verse 4)

***God's discernment never favors strength or speed to lift or move; God
delights in those who worship, trusting in God's steadfast love.***

(refrain)

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*Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO CONFESSION (from Jeremiah 31:33-34)

This is the covenant I will make with you, says the Lord: I will put my law within you, and I will write it upon your hearts; and I will be your God, and you will be my people. I will forgive your evil deeds, and I will remember your sin no more. Let us confess our sins before God and one another:

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of mercy, in baptism you call us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ, but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call. You call us to ministry in all realms of life, but we struggle to know your will and do not nurture ways of peace. You send us to serve with compassion, but we ignore the suffering of the oppressed and the plight of the poor. You give us the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us, but we rely on ourselves and refuse to trust your direction. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness, raising us to new life in Jesus Christ; so that we may be your faithful servants, showing forth your healing love to the world.

(Time of Silence)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON (from 2 Corinthians 5:17)

One: Hear the good news. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***SONG OF RESPONSE #695**

Change My Heart, O God *Change My Heart*
**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart,
O God; may I be like you. You are the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God;
make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

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***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And, also, with you.

WORD

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, we pray that you enter into the hearts, minds, and souls of those who hear these words of Scripture. Illuminate the eternal essence of your being through our hearing of it, and through your power, transform it into the substance of new life. Amen.

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Yes, My Jesus Loves Me
Guitarist: Jim Obman

McDonald

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (see attachment)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-40 (First Nations Version)

When the True Human Being comes in all of his power and shining-greatness, along with all of his spirit-messengers, he will sit down in his seat of honor. All nations will be gathered and come before him. He will choose between them like a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right side and the goats to his left.

Then the Chief will say to the sheep on his right, 'The blessing of my Father rests upon you. Come into the Land of the Creator's good road that has been prepared for you from the beginning of the world. For I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was hungry and you fed me. I was a stranger and you gave me lodging. When I needed clothes, you gave me something to wear. When I was sick, you took care of me, and when I was in prison you visited me.'

'When did we do all these things for you?' the good hearted-ones asked.

'I speak from my heart,' he answered them, 'whatever you did for the least important of my fellow human beings who needed help, you did for me.'

SERMON

"The Good Road"

Rev. Dr. John Wahl

WITNESS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

We take this time to reflect and recognize all contributions of time, talent, and treasure. A basket is available for making monetary donations.

OFFERTORY

Prelude on Dix

Carson P. Cooman

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***SENDING SONG #297** *In Christ Called to Baptize* St. Denio
(verse 1)

In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace and gather a people from each land and race. In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death, then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.

(verse 2)

In Christ called to banquet, one table we share, a haven of welcome, a circle of care. Although we are many, we share in one bread.

(verse 3)

In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach the life-giving gospel; God's love we will teach. By grace may our living give proof to our praise in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.

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*BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Father I Adore You* Coelho

POSTLUDE *Nun Danket Alle Gott* Albert L. Travis

First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament is a collaborative effort that included Native North Americans from over twenty-five tribes and published by IVP Press in 2021.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Knitting For Others



Inviting all folks from 12-100 years of age, who like to knit or who would like to learn, to be a part of Valley's Knitting Group.

The group will meet 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.:
Sunday, November 24

This group has been busy knitting prayer blankets and shawls for members of our congregation. It takes a lot of yarn to knit or crochet these items. Many of us have made items in the past but not used quite all of the yarn. Knitting for Others can use the leftover yarn to make items to share with others. If you have any worsted size-4 or bulky size-5 yarn that you will not be using and could share with Knitting for Others, we certainly would appreciate your donation. Yarn can be left in the box marked "yarn" in the Library. Thank you so much for your help.

For questions, please call one of our Co-Chairs, Beverly or Bev:

Beverly Wahl
502-553-7255

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Decorating the Sanctuary



The Advent season is fast approaching. After worship today, November 24, we will be “decking the halls”. Please, anyone who wants to can stay for a little while and add a few Chrismos to our tree or perhaps to help set up a nativity, etc.

Advent Wreath Sign-up



The Advent Wreath sign-up has been posted in the Narthex. Please consider signing up to light a candle as we prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus.

Annual Christmas Angel Tree Project



The Angel Tree

Each Christmas season Valley has an Angel Tree project. This year, we will be supporting Geauga County Family Services.

Please select an Angel for either a child or a teen. They are collecting **new toys** for all ages and things for teens. They do not accept any used toys, toy guns, or video games.

Also, they are collecting \$25 gift cards for Amazon, Walmart, Giant Eagle, or Aldi.

Please return the unwrapped gift under the Angel Tree in the Church Narthex. There is a box for the gift cards beside the tree. **Please return the gift cards / gifts by Sunday, December 8.**

Thank you,
The Mission Commission

\$5 for Feet, Fingers, and Fares for North Church



Help give the gift of warmth to our North Church partners this winter. Your cash donations will be used to purchase adult gloves, hats, and socks. Also, cash will be provided for the purchase of bus fares. Collection boxes will be located in the Narthex and Fellowship

Hall. Thank you for your warm response to our neighbors in need. Thank you, The Mission Commission



CFPCC Food Bank Needs

Please consider donating the following items to help stock the shelves at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center for the holidays:



Ham or turkey, cake mix / brownie mix, frosting, butter, brown sugar, oranges, apples, green beans, corn, eggs, yams / sweet potatoes, flour, oil, turkey gravy, or anything you would like to donate.

CFPCC is receiving donations at your car. Someone will come out and retrieve donations.

Fellowship Time



for King & Country DRUMMER BOY Christmas Live

Sun Dec 8th, 2024 at 3:00pm
@Barrington 10 in Aurora

Purchase advance blocked tickets from Sena
\$13 + \$2.69 fee per ticket. (\$15)

Lunch: 12:30 (to 2:30pm)
@The Cabin Restaurant

Beautifully decorated
in Christmas theme.
Park behind Mario's Spa



Join us for an
Afternoon of Fun

ALSO, YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR
 10:30-11:30AM CHURCH SERVICE
 11:30AM-12:15PM FELLOWSHIP/SOCIAL TIME
(Coffee/Tea/Lemonade/Water/Snacks/Socializing)

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Liturgist: Lois Urban

Organist: John Kautzman
Greeter: Jeanne DeLaney

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

On behalf of the session, we present for baptism Logan Frederick Obman, son of Jay and Becky Obman, born on May 17, 2024. Logan's sponsors are Mitchell Hopkins and Emily Cengel.

PRESENTATION

QUESTIONS FOR THE PARENTS:

Do you desire that Logan be baptized?

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and to teach that faith to your child?

QUESTION FOR THE SPONSORS:

Will you, by your prayers and witness, help Logan to grow into the full stature of Christ?

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION:

*Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Logan by word and deed, with love and prayer. **We do.***

*Will you encourage him to know and follow Christ and become a faithful member of his church? **We will.***

UNISON PROFESSION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BAPTISM

WORDS OF WELCOME