

## The Community Gathers

PRELUDE, CHIMES AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST	Pam Campbell	
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Lori Raccagno	
PASSING THE PEACE		
OPENING HYMN	Lord of the Dance	#261
CALL TO WORSHIP		
LEADER: We gather today to remember and proclaim that we are God's people.		
<b>PEOPLE: We are God's people! God's presence is among us!</b>		
LEADER: Like Moses, we seek an encounter with God's goodness.		
<b>PEOPLE: God, show us your goodness that we may glorify you in all that we do.</b>		
LEADER: God's goodness passes by us every day in the gracious gifts of creation and in the faces of our neighbors.		
<b>PEOPLE: God, help us notice your goodness in everything and everyone that we meet.</b>		
LEADER: When we notice God's goodness all around us, we recognize this truth: all things are God's.		
<b>PEOPLE: Let us give to God the things that are God's! Amen.</b>		
SONG OF PRAISE	Holy, Holy, Holy	#64
OPENING PRAYER		
<b>Loving, living God, be among us now. Show us your ways. Guide our steps. Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving. Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you all the things that are yours. Help us remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from you, gifts to be shared in service and love. Holy One among us, help us be a holy people who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. Amen.</b>		
JOYS, CONCERNS AND GOD SIGHTINGS		
PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY		
Blessing of the Layette Sets	Nancy Wentz	
PRAYER SONG	El Shaddai	#123
	<u>Thanksgiving</u>	

## SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

*"We always thank God for all of you when we mention you constantly in our prayers. This is because we remember your work that comes from faith, your effort that comes from love, and your perseverance that comes from hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father." ~ 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3*

## TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #94

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Holy God, source of every good gift: the tithes and offerings we bring to you are simply a token of our desire to walk more closely beside you. We give, knowing that "rendering unto you what is yours" would mean leaving everything at your altar – all we have and all we are. We are not there yet, but with your help, we are on the road to getting there. Bless what we give; may it speak words of compassion, mercy, and love as it empowers your mission and ministry. We pray this in the powerful name of Jesus, whose light we seek to follow. Amen.**

## Hearing and Responding to the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON		Exodus 33;12-23
HYMN	Sanctuary	#2164
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Cindy Kocher	
GOSPEL LESSON		Matthew 22:15-22
AFFIRMATION		
The word of God for the people of God		
<b>Thanks be to God.</b>		
MESSAGE	"Opening Up"	Pastor Mark Crist
PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER		

## Going into the World to Serve

SENDING SONG	Take My Life and Let It Be	#399
BENEDICTION		
BENEDICTION RESPONSE	Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing	#671 Vs. 1
POSTLUDE AND TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD		

**Events this Week:**  
**Sunday, October 22, 2023**  
 9:30am Crusaders  
 9:30am Searchers  
 10:30am Worship  
 Blessing of the Layette Sets  
 2:00pm Community Baby Shower  
 5:30pm Yoga in Choir Room  
 6:30pm Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Class

**Wednesday, October 25, 2023**  
 5:00pm Sitting with Jesus  
 5:30pm Choir Practice  
 6:00pm Table Talk  
 6:30pm Classes Begin  
 Christian Education Meeting right after Table Talk

**Thursday, October 26, 2023**  
 5:00pm Girl Scouts Meeting

**Sunday, October 29, 2023**  
 9:30am Crusaders  
 9:30am Searchers  
 10:30am Worship  
 2:00pm  
 Church Conference in Courtland

*Prayer Requests*

AMANDA WATERMAN  
 LAURA CHRISTENSEN  
 TRISH & DAN WATERMAN  
 HARLEY & DARLA ADAMS  
 SHEILA FLESHER  
 BETH WHISLER

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

22~Eric Andersen  
 23~Peggy Walbridge  
 24~Steve Schenk  
 28~Janet Istas

CHURCH CONFERENCE  
 SUNDAY  
 OCTOBER 29, 2023  
 2:00 TO 3:30PM  
 COURTLAND, KS.

CONCERT BY  
 RECORDING ARTIST  
 JARON BELL

**Ice Cream Social to Follow**

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER!**

NOV. 5~DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME  
 SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP  
 NOV. 5~ALL SAINTS DAY  
 VETERAN'S DAY RECOGNITION  
 FOLLOWING WORSHIP~THANKSGIVING DINNER

NOV. 16-19~WOMEN'S TRIP TO BRANSON

NOV. 26~HANGING OF THE GREENS  
 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

It takes \$14,000.00 a month to run the Church?  
 Plus Mission Shares is \$1,234.00 a month!  
 Total needed monthly: \$15,234.00

October 22, 2023

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Office Hours:  
 Monday — Thursday  
 9:00-4:00pm  
 Friday  
 Closed

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**Do No Harm ~ Do Good ~ Stay in Love With God.**  
**John Wesley**