The Community Gathers

PRELUDE, CHIMES AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Pam Campbell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lori Raccagno

PASSING THE PEACE

Lord of the Dance OPENING HYMN

#261

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We gather today to remember and proclaim that we are God's people.

PEOPLE: We are God's people! God's presence is among us!

LEADER: Like Moses, we seek an encounter with God's goodness.

PEOPLE: God, show us your goodness that we may glorify you in all that we do.

LEADER: God's goodness passes by us every day in the gracious gifts of creation and in the faces of our neighbors.

PEOPLE: God, help us notice your goodness in everything and everyone that we meet.

LEADER: When we notice God's goodness all around us, we recognize this truth: all things are God's.

PEOPLE: Let us give to God the things that are God's! Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE Holy, Holy, Holy #64

OPENING PRAYER

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.

JOYS, CONCERNS AND GOD SIGHTINGS

PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Blessing of the Layette Sets Nancy Wentz

PRAYER SONG El Shaddai #123

Thanksgiving

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

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

Thanks be to God.

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

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing BENEDICTION RESPONSE #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 2:00pmCommunity 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

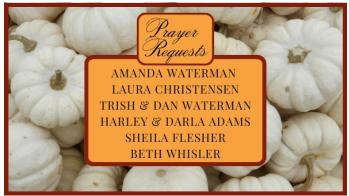
Sunday, October 29, 2023

9:30am Crusaders 9:30am Searchers 10:30am Worship 2:00pm

Church Conference in Courtland



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

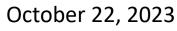








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Do No Harm ~ Do Good ~ Stay in Love With God.

John Wesley