

BREAD FOR THE WORLD SUNDAY

SILENT MEDITATION

“We don’t see things as they are, we see them as we are.”

- Anais Nin

GREETINGS AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign Attendance Pad)

PRELUDE *The Swan* C. Saint-Saëns

INTROIT *Give God Thanks!* L. Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP Elaine Decker

Leader: Listen, dear friends, to God’s truth. Bend your ears to hear what God is saying to us:

Men: I will speak to you in parables; I will tell you the old, familiar truths.

Women: Stories we heard from our fathers; counsel we learned at our mother’s knee.

Men: We will not keep this to ourselves or hide it from our children.

Women: We will pass it on to the next generation, stories of God’s marvelous deeds and God’s wonders and power.

Leader: God planted a witness in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel.

Women: God commanded our parents to teach it to their children so that the next generation — and all generations to come — would know God’s Word.

Men: As a result, we will never forget the works of God but will set our hope in the Lord and keep all of God’s commandments!

Leader: Let us worship our faithful God.

+*HYMN #353 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

+*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, our days and times are in your hands. Help us to set aside our fears — of the unknown, of what we can’t control, of death itself — to walk in faith and trust with you. We ask for the courage to live boldly, for the grace to forgive ourselves and others, for the audacity to pray, believing that you hear and answer us. Give us a spirit of expectancy, of watching for your presence in our lives and in the world and responding to it with faith, hope and love. For the sake of your Son, our Savior and Friend, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bread for the World: This is Bread for the World Sunday and we are asking you to write a letter to our Ohio US Senators and House of Representatives to support legislation or legislative emphasis that can make a difference to people struggling with hunger and poverty.

Thank You! We would like to say “Thank You” to Rev. Sheryl Swan, Piper Andrew Fowler and all the volunteers who helped make the 182nd Anniversary Celebration and Kirkin O’The Tartan Service such a special occasion for Parma-South. Your hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated!

Coffee with “The Word”: Our next gathering will be Saturday, November 18th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Jackie Mayer will provide a presentation of the “Fourth Wise Man” by Henry Van Dyke. This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the Word and build fellowship with women. Please invite all your female relatives, friends and neighbors.

Mission Activity: The Care and Share store is open.

Poinsettia Orders: Inserted in today’s bulletin is an order form for 2017 Memorial Poinsettias. Orders must be submitted by **Monday, November 20th**

Hanging of the greens: On Sunday, November 26th, the Worship Team is asking for help to decorate the Sanctuary for Advent. Following the morning worship service we will begin the transformation process. All are welcome to lend a hand. The more, the merrier!

Advent Study: Rev. Mark will offer an Advent Study featuring Adam Hamilton’s book, *Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph*.

Study Groups will meet:

Mondays 7:00 PM Nov 27 – Dec 18

Fridays 10:00 AM Dec 1 – Dec 22

Help Wanted: We are searching for a part time custodian. Interested individuals should contact Bob Schomer at 440-884-9268 or the church office.

Advent Celebration: On Sunday December 3rd after the worship service, the Youth will be holding an Advent Celebration Luncheon featuring soup and a potato bar. Don’t miss the fun and fellowship brought to you by the Youth of Parma-South.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday, November 12 - Bread for the World

10:00 AM – Worship Service

11:00 AM – JuBELLation – Bell Room

Monday, November 13

9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

10:30 AM – Deborah Circle - Parlor

7:00 PM – Life Group – Parlor

Tuesday, November 14

8:45 AM – Men’s Bowling – Freeway Lanes

10:00 AM – Ruth-Naomi Circle - Parlor

Wednesday, November 15

9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

10:30 AM – Al-Anon – MPR

7:00 PM – Session – Dining Room

7:00 PM – Parma Hts Historical Society - MPR

Thursday, November 16

8:45 AM – Men’s Bowling – Freeway Lanes

9:30 AM – P-S Quilters – Fay/Werner Home

Saturday, November 18

11:00 AM – Coffee with The Word – Dining Room

Sunday, November 19 Thank Offering Sunday

10:00 AM – Worship Service

11:00 AM – JuBELLation – Bell Room

4:00 PM – Messy Church

Gift Basket Raffle: The Christian Education Committee is sponsoring a fundraiser for our New Wilmington Mission Conference Fund. We are asking for individuals or groups to donate a gift basket worth at least \$25 to be used in the raffle. Baskets could include items for meals, entertainment, movies and snacks, lottery tickets, baby gift basket, etc. We will be selling tickets before and after church beginning December 3rd and continuing through December 17. Baskets will be on display in the Parlor, tickets may be bought and placed in a container next to the item your hoping to win. On Sunday, December 17, we will one winning ticket for each item.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Clifton Grey Thompson

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering Sentence

Offertory *Do Not Be Afraid for You Are Mine* L. Larson

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN #644** *Give Thanks, O Christian People*

SCRIPTURE READING I Thessalonians 4:13-18 N.T. page 204

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Secure Files"

***HYMN #625** *O Lord My God* (vs. 1 & 4)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Give Thanks #647

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

Give thanks, give thanks.

POSTLUDE *Carry Your Candle* C. Rice

Baptism: We baptize this morning *Clifton Thompson*, son of David and Christiana, brother of Edith, grandson of Bonnie and Ken.

Today's Ushers: Maryellen Bechler, Walt Burgdorf,
Donna Loeb, Mary Walker, Mary Molua

Chancel Flowers are placed in Loving Memory of

Allen C. Knowles by Mary H. Knowles

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burgdorf, Sr. by Walter Burgdorf and
Sheryl Swan

My Daughter, Shirley Becker by Lee Boc

The Memorial Carillon is played this week in memory of

Walter Schilke

*Those who are able, please stand
+Appropriate time for the Ushers to seat latecomers

"SECURE FILES"

November 12, 2017 I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Life Group Study Guide

Notes from Worship Service

1. This is one of the problems when it comes to preaching on the second coming and the afterlife: It's like trying to describe the indescribable.
2. Notice Paul does not tell us to never grieve. Death hurts. Grief is an important spiritual, mental and emotional process for us to walk through. The important piece is we walk through it and not get stuck in it.
3. These facts are the foundation of our faith: Jesus lived, Jesus died, and Jesus rose again. Our hope for the future is not that we will never face death, but that someone died and came back.
4. The fellowship benefit
 - a. If we live and die in Christ we also rise in Christ.
 - b. We have an unbreakable bond with Jesus that even death cannot destroy.
5. By faith and by promise, we can dare to face the world's "asteroids" while serving God's kingdom now and forever.

Life Group Homework

1. What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. Describe your picture of heaven.
3. What historical figure would you like to have a conversation with? Explain why.

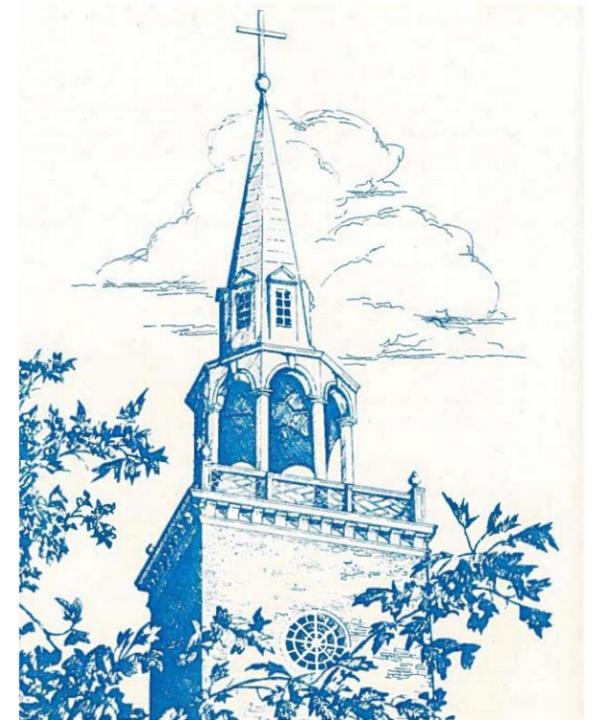
Read I Thessalonians 4:13-18

4. Why do you think Paul pictures those who are asleep will rise first?
5. How do you want to be remembered?
6. How does the promise of resurrection impact your life now?

Life Practice: Take time this week to express your gratefulness for God's goodness and surrender your future to the Lord?

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Changing lives through Christ



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2017 Theme Verse

"But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." – Isaiah 40:31

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