

✦ The Congregational Response (chorus) *On Eagle's Wings*
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you
on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun and hold you
in the palm of his hand.

Postlude

✦ Please stand if you are able

Elder/Reader: Morgan Owens

Acolyte: Lindsey Zieger

PLEASE PRAY FOR: (CONTINUES)

Steve Silagi, Prayers for health concerns and surgery.

(Friend of Betty Simpkins)

Gene Zieger's father, Prayers for chronic health issues.

Bernie Weber, Prayers for serious health concerns.

(Friend of David & Sharon Eastlack)

Bill Wilkinson, Receiving treatment for spinal tumor.

(Friend of the Kings)

Caroline Hickman, Prayers during cancer treatment.

(16 year old daughter of a co-worker of Keith Campbell)

Terry Zieger, Prayers for health concerns.

Robert Pollack, Continued prayers. *(Steve Pollack's brother)*

Donna Bacon, Continued prayers for health issues.

Bob & Maureen McCook, Chronic health issues.

(John King's sister & brother-in-law)

Carol Lee, Diagnosed with cancer. *(Friend of Sharon Eastlack)*

Amey Ricketts, Continued prayers for health issues.

Galen & Sara Lenhart, Continued prayers. *(Beth Davenport's parents)*

Biba Kavass, Continued prayers. *(Friend of Beth Davenport)*



*The flowers at the pulpit today are presented to the
Glory of God by Jessica Fordham in memory of
Betty's birthday and Bill's passing.*

And

*In celebration of the birthdays of Matthew, Jayden
and John Michael.*

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Sun. 10/29** Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hour, 12:00 noon
- Tues. 10/31** Women's Services, 5:45-7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 11/01** Prayer Group, 9:30 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.
- Sat. 11/04** City Lights, 5:30-8:00 p.m.



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH!**

**DEACONS MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017,
FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE**

Flower Sponsors Needed November 12th, 19th & 26th

If anyone is interested, please see Betty Simpkins or call the church office at 935-2148. The cost is \$15.00. Clearly mark your check "Flowers" and place in with the regular offering.

30TH ANNUAL YULETIDE TOUR - DECEMBER 2, 2017 -- 1:00-6:00 P.M.

Volunteers are needed again this year. There is a sign-up sheet in the Annex or you can call the church office at 935-2148.

Thank you.

SERMONS FOR THE SUNDAYS OF FALL

November 5, "Locks and Keys", Matthew 23:1-13

November 12, "Get Me to the Church On Time", Matthew 25:1-13

November 19, Thanksgiving Sunday, "The Currency of the Kingdom", Matthew 25:14-30

November 26, Christ the King Sunday, "Standing Before the King", Matthew 25:31-46, Ezekiel 35:11-16



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11/03 Beth Davenport

11/04 John Fordham

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST

First Baptist Church of Salem Salem NJ

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

Ellie Hall - Wycliffe Bible Translator in Thailand

Revs. Dwayne & Janet Doyle - Living in Haddon Heights NJ, and seeking a new call.

Trinity Preparatory School - Matt & Chanda Williams

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY'S LEADERS & THOSE IN THE MILITARY:

Mark Lindle...U.S. Navy

James Morrison...U.S. Air Force

Jamie Spears...U.S. Navy

Andrew Spears...Delaware Air National Guard

Matthew Kemm, M.D....U.S. Army Medical Corps

Austin Brown...U.S. Air Force



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Chelsea Slaughter & Baby Amelia, Salem resident (daughter of Chris Davenport's co-worker, Gail Slaughter); Chelsea is now at home and baby Amelia continues to be hospitalized.

Dawn Kimble, Continued prayers for health concerns.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: (CONTINUES)

First Presbyterian Church, The work of the Pastoral Nominating Committee continues. We have sorted through one hundred resumes and have requested further information from several. Now we await these people to respond positively. Although the process moves slowly, the members of the committee are committed to finding God's perfect candidate for our church. Please continue to pray regularly for the members of the committee (Reid, Earl, Chris, Kym, Erin, Wendy) that we will always be reminded of the importance of our task. Pray also for John, giving thanks for his willingness to serve us while he waits for this interim season to come to a close.

Harry Springer, Heart valve replacement surgery. (*Friend of David Eastlack*)

Elvena Eastlack, Recovering from second major back surgery. (*Sister-in-law of David & Sharon Eastlack*)

Charis and Ana Williams, Undergoing treatment for Lyme Disease and related complications.

Peg Ingram, Recovering from Lyme Disease.

Colton Colican, Recovering from extensive injuries resulting from an auto accident. (*Friend of Lindsey Zieger*)

Ann Eber, 94 years old; prayers for chronic health concerns. (*Mike Eber's mother*)

Mike Smith, Prayers for serious health issues. (*Friend of Keith & Shirley Campbell*)

Connie DiArchangelo, Prayers for recent diagnosis of serious health issues. (*Mother of a friend of Reid Willis*)

Linda Stokes, Prayers for serious health issues. (*Friend of Erin Owens.*)

Terry Zieger's sister, Serious health problems.

Robert Parker, Health concerns. (*Friend of David Eastlack*)

Brandon Bush, (*Friend of Reid Willis*)

Bob Hyatt, (*Friend of Reid Willis*)

Elizabeth Colucci, Prayers for health concerns. (*Carol Ives' niece*)

Alexander Fiorillo, Diagnosed with a spinal tumor. (*Joe's piano coach*)

Sarah Doyle, Continued prayers. (*Rev. Dwayne & Janet Doyle's daughter*)

Linda Grant, Prayers for serious health concerns and treatment. (*Friend of the Warren/Owens Families*)

Sam Elliot, Continued prayers during cancer treatment. (*Mother works at the Oak Diner in Salem*)

Meals on Wheels of Salem County

Meals on Wheels is seeking volunteer drivers to cover their delivery routes, they deliver about 40,000 hot nutritious meals annually to homebound elderly and disabled residents of Salem County. It is a small commitment of time, yet it can be one of the most rewarding volunteer experiences you will ever encounter. Just 2 hours every four weeks delivers much more than a meal. To learn more about this opportunity, please contact Teresa Christoff, 856-935-3663 or tchristoff@scmealsonwheels.org

Sermon Notes

I. Uncle! Matthew 22:34-46

A. One last time.

1. The Sadducees have taken their last shot at Jesus in verses 23-33. Now, the Pharisees will try to outdo them.
2. The test question is designed to bring Jesus into a discussion on comparative law. They are hoping to catch him in denouncing one of the lesser laws.
 - a. In common rabbinic discussion, it was customary to debate the relative importance of God's various commands. All of them, however, were to be observed and obeyed. This is where they hoped to trip Jesus up.

B. Which commandment is the greatest (v. 36)?

1. This was not a new question for Jesus. In another context, it prompted him to tell the parable of the Good Samaritan (see Luke 10:25ff.).

2. Jesus has a dual response.
 - a. The *Shema* (Deut. 6:4-9) was familiar to every faithful Jew who repeated it at least twice a day.
 - b. The second part of Jesus' response is from Leviticus 19:18.
 - c. Rather than denounce any other commandments, Jesus rightly observes that all the other commandments are founded on these imperatives which share in common the law of love.
3. The balanced love life.
 - a. Love the Lord your God . . . with heart, soul and mind (might).
 - b. Love yourself.
 - c. Love your neighbor.

C. Jesus returns the challenge and tests the Pharisees.

1. Knowing that they are challenging the peoples' claim that he is Messiah as well as his own claim to deity, he openly questions them on both points.
2. He refers to Psalm 110:1, acknowledging the authority and inspiration of the Old Testament scriptures ("in the Spirit" - v. 43).
 - a. In the Hebrew, "the Lord" is clearly God and "my Lord" refers to the Messiah, the descendant of David who will rescue Israel and bring in the kingdom of God.
3. An antinomy (v. 45) - Two parallel truths that comprise a seeming contradiction.
 - a. The Messiah is a son (a descendant) of David (vv. 42 & 45).
 - b. The Messiah is the Lord of David.
4. They are unable and/or unwilling to give an answer (v. 46). Jesus is clearly claiming to be the answer to the antinomy. They never test him again (v. 46).