

# The Order for the Worship of God

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Veteran's Day Weekend

November 12, 2017

Eleven o'clock a.m.

## The Service of Preparation

### Silent Preparation

*The bridesmaids whose lamps were oil-filled were ready. They entered the hall for the wedding. Those who were unprepared were left outside. Fill your lamp with oil today. Be prepared in mind, soul, body, and spirit to come to the wedding. Jesus is the Bridegroom.*

Peter Wallace

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

### WELCOME GUEST MUSICIAN

Jessica Hoffman, Violinist

The Prelude "The King of Love" ARR. Campbell

The Choral Introit "His Sheep Am I" Johnson

✦ The Call to Worship (from Psalm 107)

Leader: Give ear, O people, to our teaching. We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, his might, and the wonders that he has done.

**People: That they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments with steadfast hearts and spirits that are faithful to God.**

Leader: Keep God's covenant and remember what the Lord has done. God is our rock, the Most High God our redeemer. Come, let us worship our God!

✦ The Hymn of Adoration..... No. 59  
*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

✦ The Declaration of Faith The Apostles' Creed

**I** believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was

conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
*Amen.*

The Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

The Prayer of Silent Confession and Repentance

The Assurance of Forgiveness

✦ The Gloria Patri No. 622

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

### The Response to God's Work in Our Lives

The Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory "Fairest Lord Jesus" ARR. Coleman

✦ Doxology No. 625

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

✦ The Prayer of Dedication

The Hymn of Meditation.....No. 575  
*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

### The Ministry of the Word

The Scripture Reading Matthew 25:1-13  
(p. 828 in pew bible)

The Anthem "Peace I Give To You" Courtney

The Sermon "Get Me To The Church On Time" Rev. King

✦ The Hymn of Dedication ..... see insert  
*How Great Is Our God*

✦ The Benediction

✦ 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      *"All Hail The Power of Jesus Name"*      ARR. Coleman

✦ Please stand if you are able

**Elder/Reader:** Vivian Bauman

**Acolyte:** Sierra Willis

PLEASE PRAY FOR: (CONTINUES)

**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*)

**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*)

**Amy Ricketts**, Continued prayers for health issues.

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

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

FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> & DEC. 3

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.



*The flowers at the pulpit today are presented to the Glory of God by Betty Simpkins in memory of her cousin, Fred Burkhardt*

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Sun. 11/12** Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.  
*Fellowship Luncheon following worship service*
- Mon. 11/13** LLC, 3-4:30 p.m.
- Tues. 11/14** LLC, 3-4:30 p.m.  
Women's Services, 5:45-7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 11/15** Prayer Group, 9:30 a.m.  
LLC, 3-4:30 p.m.  
Pastor's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.  
Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DONATIONS  
NEEDED SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

It's that time of year again! The Deacons are reaching out to families in need to assist during this Thanksgiving season. (*Turkeys will be donated by the Deacons*) We encourage you to donate any of the following food items:

- Can vegetables: Corn and green beans
- White potatoes (instant)
- Sweet potatoes (can)
- **Stuffing**
- Turkey gravy (can or jar)
- Dinner Rolls & Butter
- Pies



If you should have any questions, please see one of our Deacons.  
*Thank you for your continued support.*



HANGING OF THE GREENS

We will be getting together again this year on Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, to decorate the Church for Advent and Christmas. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Annex for pizza and

then go upstairs to decorate the Sanctuary. All volunteers are welcome! Please let the Church office know if you're coming so we can have a head count for pizza.

**30<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**



This year our poinsettia display will begin December 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to order one or more plants, please fill out the enclosed order form. Your order should be placed no later than **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Call the church office at 935-2148 with any questions. Thank you.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**11/13** Vivian Bauman

**11/15** Brenda Hassler

**FUNDRAISERS FOR 2018 SALEM ASP TEAMS**

- It's that time again to "Make a Change!" Loose change collection for ASP can be given to Kym, Erin, Morgan, T' Aja, Sierra or Beth.
- Italian Kitchen Sub Sale beginning November 6<sup>th</sup>. Buy a sub for \$7.00 and redeem it at Italian Kitchen or Roman Pantry between November 6, 2017--January 31, 2018.

Thank you!!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST**

Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends 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:**

**Hickman Rowland, Jr. and William Martin**, Both men were involved in an automobile accident and are both facing a long recovery from serious injuries. (*Friends of Allen and Rhonda Gage*)

**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.

**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*)

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

**Terry Zieger's sister**, Serious health problems.

### Sermon Notes

- I. Get Me To The Church On Time!            Matthew 25:1-13
  - A. Context.
    1. This parable is part of a series of teachings and parables regarding the Parousia (the second coming of Christ).
    2. The primary theme is readiness. Previous to this parable, Jesus addresses the theme in terms of believers vs. unbelievers and faithful vs. unfaithful. Here, he contrasts the foolish and the wise.
  - B. The tradition of the bridesmaid and Palestinian weddings.
    1. It was a great honor to be a bridesmaid. This parable of Jesus would be a woman's worst nightmare!
    2. The lamps were torches soaked with a flammable oil. Not only would the foolish have to run out to get oil, but at night, there would be few dealers open . . . they really were fools!
    3. The wedding consisted of several processions. Not only do the fools get shut out in the end, but they fail to participate in the joys that lead to the final banquet.
    4. Verses 11-12 - The foolishness of the other bridesmaids. Their careless and inattentive preparation, their tardiness is an insult to the dignity of the host. He would be expected to shut them out as unwelcome.
  - C. We demonstrate our readiness for the triumphant coming of Christ by our continued readiness and faithfulness in our lives each day.
    1. By our readiness for worship and the sacraments.
    2. By our faithful readiness to care for the needs of each other and to be good stewards of our own needs.

3. By our readiness to serve the needs of our community and world through the mission of Christ's church.
4. By our readiness to generously and passionately give of the first fruits of our income.
5. By our readiness to develop and use the spiritual gifts that God has poured out on us for the work of his kingdom.

### 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](mailto:tchristoff@scmealsonwheels.org)

### SERMONS FOR THE SUNDAYS OF FALL

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