

November 21, 2021

The Gospel reading from the lectionary this week comes from the book of John 18: 33- 37

18:33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

18:34 Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

18:35 Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

18:37 Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

I find the last verse of this selection striking. To rephrase what Jesus is saying - I came to this world to tell the Truth, and everyone who belongs to the Truth listens to my voice. Jesus came to tell us who God really is - and thus we have to read the scriptures through the lens of Christ. We also have to use that same lens to consider our own actions in this world. Are they in line with the truth that Christ came to testify to? Are we listening to the voice of Christ and the prompting of the Holy Spirit?

I think this lines up wonderfully with Dom Edwards' message from this past Sunday. Sometimes when we hear that voice of God speaking to us, asking us to do something that may seem counterintuitive or strange we simply have to listen and obey! Because those who belong to Christ listen to his voice.

Greg

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Hallie and J.T. Taylor on the death of her mother, Anne Turner, of Pittsview AL, on November 10, 2021.

The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of my mother, Lorraine Wallace, on her birthday by Beth & Larry Hendrickson.

GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **Susan & Tommy Hudson** by Tamara & Martin Evans

FLOWER DELIVERY

Betty Woodruff/Shirley Wright

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Stella Jambon** by Becky & John Bray; Lee Harrell; Susan Scarborough; John Richey; Margaret & Don Goodroe

In memory of **Rubye Screws** by Margaret & Don Goodroe

In memory of **Richard Geeslin** by Becky & John Bray

In memory of **Marjorie Croft** by Becky & John Bray; Betty Woodruff; Margaret & Don Goodroe

In memory of **Anne LauRuth Epting Turner** by Cindy & Randy Autry

In memory of **Sarah Crawford** by Joyce Hawkins; Cindy & Randy Autry; Kaye & Harold Hill; Anne & Larry Spell; Carolyn Holland; Neita & John Denny; Sheryl & Jim Creek; Cynthia McLemore; Linda & Wallace Twiggs



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you! Thank you!

The OCC shoeboxes are in and have been delivered. Wynnton has collected 184 boxes so far. If you have not turned your box(es) in, please return them to the church by Thursday morning. A second time for delivery is scheduled for about 11:30 AM.

Please pray that the children who receive the Good News about Jesus will be truly blessed. The boxes are a celebration after finishing the lessons taught to them.

Thanks again, Pam

Trinity House Needs

We are in need of personal care items such as toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, lotions, etc. If you can help, please leave your donations in the bin in the Fellowship Hall.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Our Finance Committee has designated our Thanksgiving offering to go Open Door. You may make your gift anytime in November in a worship service or by mailing it to the church office.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!

This Sunday we recognize Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday on the calendar of the Christian year. It is a reminder that the Son of God who humbled himself by becoming human and dying on the cross for our sin is King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. It emphasizes the reality that even in the face of a chaotic world that seems shadowed in darkness, God reigns over all. This Sunday is also the last Sunday before Thanksgiving. God's Word gives thanksgiving a vital place in our faith. Being thankful can lead us on our journey to love and serve God. Our choirs will bring messages of praise and thanksgiving this week; beginning with the Wesley Choir at 8:30 singing to remind us to give thanks to the Holy One because He has given Jesus Christ His Son, and the Chancel Choir at 11:00 bringing a message of gratitude with text by Gloria Gaither. Mary McDonald's "Hymn of Praise." combines a familiar hymn tune expressing thanks in all things, with a beautiful, original hymn exalting God in highest praise.

"Hymn of Praise" by Mary McDonald

O loving Father, by Your grace, we gather here to seek Your face and thank You for this family, for hearth and home and loyalty. Our hearts are full of gratitude, for work and rest and daily food, for neighbors kind and faithful friends; the gifts on which our lives depend. Heavenly Father, unto You this, our hymn of gratitude. With thanks and highest praise, to You, this hymn we raise; to You, our highest praise. We even thank you for the pain; it's through the losses that we gain a clear perspective, better view of our dependency on You. We hold all things with open hands; our homes, our lives, and this great land, our gifts, possessions and our days, we lift to You, we lift to You in highest praise! Through good and bad, we've learned to trust that You are loving, wise, and just. So now, with child-like hearts, we raise our hymn of deepest highest praise! Heavenly Father, unto You this, our hymn of gratitude. With thanks and highest praise, to You, this hymn we raise; to You our highest praise!

1 Chronicles 16:34

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

May you and your loved ones be richly blessed this Thanksgiving,
Diana B.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Our Finance Committee has designated our Christmas offering to go to Wynnton Arts Academy partner in education projects. You may make your gift anytime in November or December in a worship service or by mailing it to the church office.

PECAN SALE

The Joyful Noise Sunday school class is selling pecans again, and we are happy to announce the prices remain the same as last year. Please see any member of the Joyful Noise class to place your order. **The final order will be placed December 5.** Thank you for supporting this mission project!

Prices

1 lb. halves \$12.00

1/2 lb halves \$7.00

1 lb. pieces (large, medium, small) \$12.00

1/2 lb. chocolates (dark, milk, white) \$8.00

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 21

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
Rev. J Grantham - Streams Live on Facebook

11:00 a.m. Children's Church - Grimes Building
No Basement - Youth

Monday, November 22

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 24

OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, November 25

Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, November 26

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WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

The month of November is Wynnton's month to collect food to fill the pantry at the Network. Over the last couple of months, the number of families served have shown a definite increase to the pre-COVID levels. As a result of this increase, please be generous with your donations. **Grocery bags with a suggested list of items needed have been placed in the church.** Among the suggested items are canned meat, vegetables, beans, tomato products, fruit, spaghetti noodles and sauce, peanut butter, jelly, soup, and a number of holiday items such as pumpkin pie mix, yams, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, corn bread mix, and chicken broth. **Please take one of the bags and fill it with your donations and then return it to the church.** Your generosity will fulfill the ministry of the Network to help those in our community who are in need. Thank you for your support.

BE A WYNNTON WELCOMER

WE NEED YOU! - to sign-up as a Sunday morning welcomer. We are still looking for volunteers to fill open slots through the end of October. Check your calendars for a few Sundays you are available to help us greet our members and guests on Sunday morning. Sign-up sheets will be available in the main hallway this Sunday.

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexie McRae
Glenn Killough	Kathy Draughon
Matthew Allen	Debi Meacham Wright
Anne Turner	Dorothy Robinson
Bobby Porch	Wanda Jones
Lillian Cox	Kerry Mess
Lynn Christenson	Jennefer Spell
Beverly Ragsdale	Jim Accordino
Tom Hart	Gena Tincher
Jean McGlamry	Lenore Ash

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Joanne Cole
Family of Rev. Jim Trice
Family of Richard Geeslin
Family of Rubye Screws
Family of Stella Jambon
Family of Marjorie Croft
Family of Sarah Crawford



The New Beginnings Class is selling poinsettias as a fundraiser. The profit from the sales will go to various missions and projects. These poinsettias will come from the same wholesaler that we used last year. They will be in 6.5-inch pots and will sell for **\$12 each**. You may request that the pot(s) you purchase be placed in the Sanctuary for the Advent season. Please fill in the information on the order form, attach your check or cash and place in the offering plate or see any New Beginnings member to make your purchase. Thank you for your participation. Please make checks payable to New Beginnings. **Deadline to order is Friday, December 3, 2021.** Delivery date is Dec. 9th.



Youth Sunday School

Many of us own Bibles with Jesus' words written in red in the New Testament. But did you realize that every book in the Old Testament points to Jesus? Youth Sunday School has started a three-lesson series that will open teenagers' eyes to Jesus' presence throughout the Old Testament and his familiarity with Scripture, allowing them to discover how all of the Bible points them toward Jesus—and a relationship with him.

Children's Programs

The nursery is available from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. as well as Sunday School for grades K-12 from 9:45-10:50 a.m. The nursery for infants through 3-year olds is on the first floor of the Grimes building. Children's Sunday School for K-5th Grade is on the 2nd floor of the Grimes building, and youth Sunday school is in the basement under the sanctuary. Children's Church will be offered for children through 5th Grade in the Children's Center in the Grimes building during the worship hour.

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

- November 21:** 1 Peter 4, Jeremiah 37-38, Psalm 137
- November 22:** 1 Peter 5, Jeremiah 39-40, Psalm 138
- November 23:** 2 Peter 1, Jeremiah 41-42, Psalm 139
- November 24:** 2 Peter 2, Jeremiah 43-44, Psalm 140
- November 25:** 2 Peter 3, Jeremiah 45-46, Psalm 141
- November 26:** Galatians 1, Jeremiah 47-48, Psalm 142
- November 27:** Galatians 2, Jeremiah 49-50, Psalm 143

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 21 Beth Booth
- 22 Chuck Carpenter, Marlene Culpepper, Bob Lyon, Chip Torbert
- 23 Lynda Gantt, Hunter Greer, Nancy Hood, Bennett Massey, Gib Richardson
- 24 Clara Martin
- 26 Jeanine Cotton

OUR STEWARDSHIP

11-14-21

General Fund.....	21,543.00
Endowment.....	475.00
Missions.....	59.00
Music.....	175.00
Youth.....	50.00
Thanksgiving Offering.....	220.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network.....	100.00

SUNDAY'S SERMON

The Jesus Problem
John 1:1-18
Rev. J Grantham

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies November 19-21
Rev. J Grantham 706-681-3258