

Announcements and Upcoming Events

The flowers are given by Lori Drake to the glory of God and in memory of her father and in celebration of her 35th wedding anniversary.

Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Heritage Room

Choir: Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

November 19, Country Music Concert presented by Ann Brown.

We are collecting frozen turkeys for the WTCC. Please bring to the church on Sunday, 11/19 by 1pm.



The journey of Paul's ship as recorded in Acts 27. Found at acts27blog.files.wordpress.com

Gloria patri

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.

Spiritual Food for Thought

Christ has taken my sin away from me and laid it on Himself. But they cannot remain on him.

--Martin Luther, on the fruit and power of the resurrection of Christ

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. On the third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and is seated at 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

Doxology

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!

Session:

Class of 2017
Barbara Matlack
Randy Niederer

Class of 2018
Patti Manz
Tim Shaub

Class of 2019
Mark Niederer
Kristine Schmidt, Clerk

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Class of 2017
Judy Niederer, Secretary

Class of 2018
Gail Butterfoss
Lettie Ritner, Vice-Moderator

Class of 2019
Chris Manz, Moderator

Ministers: All members of Titusville Church

Pastor: Rev. Kenneth Good

Worship Assistant: Tim Shaub

Music Directors: Jon and Helen Eastburn

The Rev. Dr. R. William Shaub, *Pastor Emeritus*
Barbara Matlack, *Office Administrator*

November 12, 2017

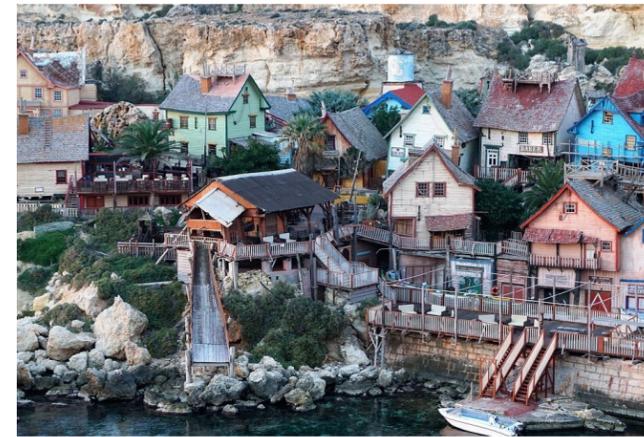
THE EXTRAORDINARY

GOD'S MAJESTIC WORK OF
REUNIFICATION & ADOPTION

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." (Hebrews 6:19).

As we worship today, we encounter a story of blessing, and another of provision. We take comfort that Jesus Christ is our blessing, and our anchor amidst the storms of life. The Lord has been with his people, including long ago when Jacob blessed his sons and grandsons. Jacob blessed because he was first blessed by God.

Paul and his 275 ship companions swim to the shores of Malta (pictured below) after their boat is destroyed by a Northeaster. "The Lord is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever" (Psalm 146:6). This is true for us, whether in new or familiar places, whether blessing or being blessed.



Prayer of the Day (Psalm 107:23-32)

Others went out on the sea in ships;
they ere merchants on the mighty
waters.

**They saw the works of he Lord,
his wonderful deeds in the deep.**
For he spoke and stirred up a
tempest that lifted high the waves.
**They mounted up to the heavens
and went down to the depths; in
their peril their courage melted
away.**

They reeled and staggered like
drunken men; they were at their
wits' end.

**Then they cried out to the Lord in
their trouble, and he brought them
out of their distress.**

He stilled the storm to a whisper; the
waves of the sea were hushed.

**They were glad when it grew calm,
and he guided them to their desired
haven.**

Let them give thanks to the Lord for
his unfailing love and his wonderful
deeds for men.

**Let them exalt him in the assembly
of the people and praise him in the
council of the elders.**

...Let us pause for a silent time of
personal confession...



Order of Liturgy

Prelude

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***Prayer of the Day** (page 1)

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Announcements

Prayers of the People

Offering: "I Will Rise"

*Doxology

***Sending Hymn** (page 1)

Benediction

Choral Benediction: "My Life Flows On" (chorus)

*Please stand if able

Scripture

Psalm 149 (page 448)

Genesis 48-49 (page 37)

Acts 27 (page 793)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Songs for Today

Opening Hymns

Insert "Come All You People"

#56 "To God Be The Glory"

Hymn of Response

Insert "My Life Flows On"

Sending Hymn

#562 "Be Thou My Vision"

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Notes on Morning Scripture

Genesis 45

48:13 Manasseh means forget. See Genesis 41:51

48:13 Ephraim means twice fruitful see Genesis 41:52

48:18 the right hand signified blessing; The phrase right hand is mentioned 137 times in Scripture.

49:4 see Genesis 35:22

49:5 see Genesis 34:25

Acts 27

Vs 2 Aristarchus is mentioned two times in Acts before this, 19:29 and 20:4. Both mentions center around the Riot in Ephesus. He is mentioned two additional times: Colossians 4:10 (where Paul refers to him as his fellow-prisoner) and Philemon verse 24 (mentioned alongside other workers in Paul's efforts)

Web Link

<http://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/world/2010/february/searching-for-pauls-shipwreck-on-malta>

<http://www.romae-vitam.com/roman-ships.html> interesting background on Roman merchant ships

<https://homefrontmag.com/how-to-give-a-blessing-to-your-child/>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/when-you-re-in-a-spiritual-storm-trust-your-instruments>

<http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/article/Preservation-Houston-to-offer-free-photo-12341573.php>
Keeping Harvey, and its impact upon daily living, in mind

New City Catechism

A 52 question catechism developed by Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York. For an introduction to this catechism, visit: <http://www.newcitycatechism.com/intro.php>

Part 3: Spirit, Restoration, Growing in Grace

Question 44: What is baptism?

Answer: Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; it signifies and seals our adoption into Christ, our cleansing from sin, and our commitment to belong to the Lord and to his church.

To learn more about Question 44, including Scripture background, prayer, commentary and video from scholars, visit <http://newcitycatechism.com/new-city-catechism/#44>

Editorial: Jacob Pronounces Blessing

In the Hall of Faith passage (Hebrews 11), this is how Jacob is remembered: “By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph’s sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff” (vs 21).

This complex Jacob has such amazing stories preserved in Scripture. He wrestles with God. And in the end, he worships God. His legacy is that he blessed his grandchildren, and also his children. The one who once deceived now uses his words to point people to the Lord of life.

I came across what is apparently a common phrase in Jewish circles: “Its not whether you have Jewish children, its whether you have Jewish grandchildren”. The quote suggests that when we invest in the spiritual lives of our children, the reality is we are also investing in their children. What an amazing thought! How appropriate as we bear the name of Jesus Christ. That our children’s children might continue to be blessed to bear that name as their own. What a tremendous gift our timeless God gives to us: that we might speak his praise to the next generation, and to their children.

Recently, I spent time with a family that blesses their five children every night with a song. How beautiful is that. They sing the Lord’s goodness to the children that God has given them, and fulfill their responsibility to “bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4). They send them to their night’s rest, secure in the faithfulness shown by God to them that day, investing in tomorrow’s dawn. As the father spoke to our group, he shared that parents should follow the Bible’s call to bless your children. May more fathers have such wisdom. And may more fathers and mothers, together, invest in such life-giving practices.

The standard definition of the verb “to bless” is ‘to confer or invoke divine favor upon’. Jacob did this for his grandsons, elevating them to status of son, and then continued with blessing his sons. This included a realistic awareness of history, vision for the future, and a knowledge of the uniqueness and interests of each individual. Simply put, the bible’s understanding of blessing was to place awareness upon a person of God’s story and God’s character. This act humbles and exalts at the same time. It fulfills and leads us closer to fulfillment at the same time. What a wonderful mystery.

Prayers to the Lord and Author of Life (offered in 11/12 worship by the congregation)

Dear Tabby, Raising Life (issues) Acts 9:36

Dear Tabby,

What does Scripture mean when it talks about blessing others? How do I bless the people in my life?

Trying in Trenton

Dear Trying,

“By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph’s sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff” (Hebrews 11:21).

Jacob blesses his grandsons, and his sons. Jesus blessed the children who gathered around him. He spoke to what they needed, and in doing so, gave them the fruit of the Holy Spirit, such as love, joy and peace. This act of blessing redirects our hearts, away from the pressing and immediate, to the good and enduring.

Paul tells the Romans to bless those who persecute you and not to curse. His understanding of blessing extends even to enemies.

These three examples speak to the extent to which we should bless; our families, those gathered around us (especially the young), and those in this world, yes, even those we struggle with and disagree with.

Thinking of Jacob, and Scripture’s affirmation that his act of blessing his family was an act of faith, we can start with our children (however old).

Offer physical touch: a hug, a kiss, your hands upon their head or shoulders, holding their hands.

Offer your eyes: to look directly into your child’s eyes--into their very soul--to speak that good word of God that will direct them into God’s good future for them. If you close your eyes when blessing, your child can see the sincerity of your prayer and passion for them.

Offer your words: not just private hopes, but the power of words. Good words, Biblical words. Gospel words. These words shape and direct and move the human heart. Yet they are also seeds that cause growth we might not see, and are investments that might return much later in life. To the extent that your words are built upon God’s word will be the extent to which a blessing is powerful and effective.

May you be righteous, so that your prayer for your children is powerful and effective. And as always, may the grace and mercy of the Lord come for each day and moment.

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26).

This is what the LORD said for Aaron and sons to speak to the people. “So they will put my name on the Israelites and I will bless them” (6:27).