

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

Today, Country Music Concert presented by Ann Brown. Food concession begins at 4 p.m.

Today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are collecting frozen turkeys for the WTCC in the Heritage Room.

Choir: Tuesday, 11/21 at 6:45 p.m.

Session: Thursday, 11/30 at 6:45 p.m.

Friday December 1, 7 p.m. Preparing the Sanctuary for Advent. Pizza after, RSVP

Sunday, December 3, 4 p.m. Christmas Hymn Sing

Sunday, December 17, 6 p.m. Christmas Caroling

Gloria patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.

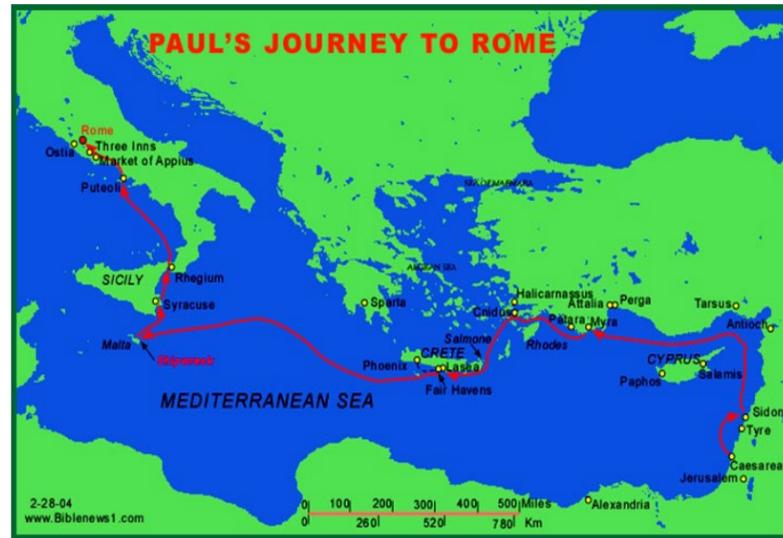
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be
— world without end.
Amen, amen.

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!



Spiritual Food for Thought

Christ the King Sunday is the climax and conclusion of the Church's liturgical journey through the life of Christ and the Gospel message. Its purpose is to celebrate the coming reign of Christ as King of the Earth and his completion of the renewed creation that marks the fullness of the Kingdom of God. Robin and Dennis Bratcher

(Christ the King is Sunday, 11/26)

Session:

Class of 2017
Barbara Matlack
Randy Niederer

Class of 2018
Patti Manz
Tim Shaub

Class of 2019
Mark Niederer
Kristine Schmidt, Clerk

Deacons:

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 19, 2017

THE EXTRAORDINARY

GOD'S MAJESTIC WORK OF
REUNIFICATION & ADOPTION

Praise to the Lord.
My heart is filled with thankfulness.
There is a tremendous beauty about the Church calendar, with its announcement of Christ's work through the celebration and observance of Holy Days. We also enjoy other types of holiday. In Titusville, we love July 4th! And as Americans, we love thanksgiving. So today, as a church, we sing songs of gratitude to God, the author of every

good and perfect gift. One of his gifts to our congregation has been reading the entire story of Genesis. "God has meant it for good". The Holy Spirit has also blessed us with connections to the Luke/Acts text. Today, Joseph assures his brothers. Today, Paul arrives in Rome. Today, our hearts are filled with thankfulness.



Call to Worship

Today, we use our weekly reading from the Psalms as our Call to Worship.

Psalm 150, page 449.

If you are sitting on the pulpit side of the sanctuary, please read the odd numbered verses as part of our responsive reading.

If you are sitting on the lectern side, please read the even numbered verses.

Prayer of Confession

Lord God of all the ages,
before the earth was formed and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do. Your sovereign purpose no one can void. Give us faith to be steadfast, and stir up within us a longing for your kingdom.

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

Prayer taken from the Book of Common Worship



Order of Liturgy

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*Opening Hymns / Prayer (page 1)
Confession (page 1)
—call, prayer, assurance
*Gloria patri
Scripture (page 1)
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*Hymn of Response (page 1)
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Announcements
Prayers of the People
Offering: "In the Spirit of Thanksgiving"
*Doxology
Communion (page 4)
*Sending Hymn (page 1)
Benediction
Choral Benediction: "Great God of Every Blessing" Verse 1

*Please stand if able

Scripture

Genesis 50 (page 39)
Acts 28 (page 794)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Songs for Today

Opening Hymns
#797 "Come Ye Thankful People Come"
#170 "Give Thanks"
Hymn of Response
Insert "Great God of Every Blessing"
Sending Hymn
#793 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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Notes on Morning Scripture

Genesis 49

49: 30 see Genesis 23, which tells of Abraham's purchase of this family burial site.

49:31 of interest that he is buried with Leah

49:33 "gathered to his people" This phrase is also used of Abraham, Ishmael and Isaac (25:8, 25:17, 35:29)

50:20 reiterates Joseph's first assurance in 45:7

Acts 27

Vs 7 Publius, in church history, becomes Bishop of Malta, a saint in Roman Catholicism. Malta is the oldest Christian nation in the world.

Vs 16 <https://www.unrv.com/government/roman-prisons.php> an article on house arrest in ancient rome

Web Link

<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2017/11/13/where-the-small-town-american-dream-lives-on> a fascinating and well written article about a small town in Iowa

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qntf2Y_VNok One of next week's song, My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6JNeGi2egsk> One of next Sunday's songs, God the Uncreated One (King Forevermore)

https://www.ancient.eu/Egyptian_Burial/ all you need to know about ancient Egyptian burial practices

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 45: Is baptism with water the washing away of sin itself?

Answer: No, only the blood of Christ and the renewal of the Holy Spirit can cleanse us from sin.

To learn more about Question 45, including Scripture background, prayer, commentary and video from scholars, visit <http://newcitycatechism.com/new-city-catechism/#45>

Guest Editorial Abraham Lincoln

Washington, D.C.

October 3, 1863

By the President of the United States of America.

A Proclamation.

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defence, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

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

Dear Tabby,

Does the theme of thankfulness show itself in today's passages, which on the surface speak of death, anxiety and religious debate? If so, how?

Thankful in Titusville,

Dear Thankful,

Thankfulness, while not the most overt of characters in this story, still shows up!

In Genesis, Jacob sends forth the blessing upon his children. His work is done and "is gathered to his people". He rests alongside his grandparents and parents. And he rests next to Leah. "Well done, good and faithful servant!".

Thankfulness joins Joseph's caravan back to the burial site. There is a royal respect given to Jacob. Its reverence is even understood by the locals watching the Egyptian caravan.

Joseph understands that God is the main character in this story of life. And all of God's mysterious providence is summed up: "But God meant it for good". Joseph shows his thankfulness to God in the oath he secures to be buried in the land of promise.

In Acts, we find thankfulness in God's kind healing of Paul, of Publius' family, and the sick around Malta.

We see thankfulness in the report of safe travel, of arrival at the destination, and of the new way of life that Paul settles into.

We see thankfulness for the gospel message, which the listening Gentiles are now hearing!

We see thankfulness around the unresolved ending to the story. Did Paul get to testify to Caesar? Acts doesn't let us in to that knowledge. It speaks to us: we get up today and live by faith. God alone will work his good in the stories of our lives.

Our third text today was Psalm 150, and if thankfulness is a hidden character in Genesis and Acts, it is the song leader in the Psalm!

Prayers to the Lord and Author of Life

(offered in 11/19 worship by the congregation)