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**Prepare for Sunday, October 23, 2022:** Read Luke 18:9-14. This is the last week in our series on prayer and we are concluding with a powerful passage. I invite you to pull out a copy of the text (online, or hardcopy!) and spend some time going through the text slowly. This is a story of two prayers and two pray-ers. As you read, consider the differences Jesus highlights. The two men begin together, without difference, and yet before the passage is completed it is clear that there are some issues Jesus wishes to address. What appears to be the most obvious difference between the men? Would they agree with you? What is the problem with the first pray-er's prayer? This is one instance where the Bible offers guidance for the intention of the parable, as indicated by verse 9. Revisit that verse and consider if this knowledge changes how you hear the lesson.

**Wednesday Nite Café  
October 19 Menu**

- Roast Pork
- Turnip Greens
- Sweet Potatoes
- Corn Bread
- Salad
- Dessert



If you would like a To-go box for Wednesday Nite dinner, call Wim Marchant before Monday at noon so he can get an accurate count to order food.

**Pricing**

- Adult/\$7
- Child/\$5
- Household/\$20

Need someone to talk to? Contact Pastor Miriam. Central also offers **Stephen Ministers**—lay Christian friends trained to help through times of crisis. The pastor can get you in touch with one.



**Lunch Bunch** is every Wednesday at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$3.

The **Market** ladies will be selling **poinsettias** beginning **October 9**. Please support this effort for our Market agencies! Forms will be available on Wednesday nights and Sundays. Payment must be included with your order. Deadline for ordering is November 3.

There will be a guest speaker, Liz Bowlin, from **Global Methodist Church**, this evening in the F.H. at 6 pm.

There will be a **fall festival** Wednesday, **October 26**, from 5-7 pm. We will start off with trunk-or-treat on Jackson Street side of the church, then at 5:30 head to the fellowship hall for a chili cook-off and dinner, with the costume parade at 6 pm. Next, the cake walk and carnival games in the gym. We are looking for donations of small quantities of cookies and smaller cakes as we get closer to the event. Your Sunday School class is encouraged to decorate a trunk for the trunk-or-treat.

**October Financials**

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received Oct 9	\$8,750
Needed for Oct	\$62,235
Received for Oct	\$31,565

**Last Week's Attendance**

In-person:	141
Online:	46



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

**Calendar**

**Sunday, October 16**

- 9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)
- 9:30 AM Children, Youth 3rd Fl), Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213), Young Adult (Rm 211)
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 5:00-7:00 PM Youth-3rd flr
- 5:30-7:00 PM Children-3rd flr
- 6:00 PM Guest Speaker, Liz Bowlin, F.H.

**Tuesday, October 18**

- 5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
- 8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH
- 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Ladies B.S.-L
- 2:30 PM Prayer Team

**Wednesday, October 19**

- 5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
- 11:00 AM Lunch Bunch, FH
- 5:00-7:00 PM Wed Nite Café
- 6:00-6:45 PM-Chancel Choir
- 6:45-7:30 PM-Voices of Praise

**Thursday, October 20**

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-JJ

**Friday, October 21**

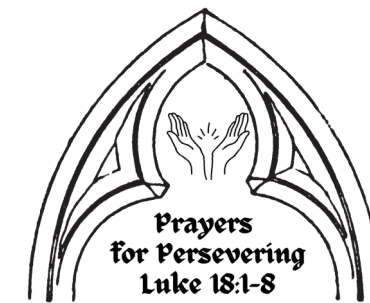
- 5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
- 9:00 AM, Women's Java Jaay Bible

CH- Chapel, FH- Fellowship Hall  
LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall  
L - Library S- Sanctuary G- Gym

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Love others  
Serve the world



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**October 16, 2022**

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 AM

*Please silence electronic devices.*

*\*Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.*

Musical Gift "Psalm XX"

Young

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

As the rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth that it may produce good things...

**So God pours love upon us, that we, too, may produce goodness and peace.**

We have been blessed with many gifts and talents.

**God desires that we use these gifts and talents for healing, peace, and hope.**

Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.

**Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways. AMEN.**

\*Opening Hymns #2070 "He is Exalted"

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.  
He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise his name!

He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;  
Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!

#2065 "More Precious Than Silver"

Lord, you are more precious than silver.  
Lord, you are more costly than gold.  
Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds,  
And nothing I desire compares with you

\*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostle's 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 Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
The third day he rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth 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 Spirit; the holy catholic\* church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*universal*

\*Greeting

Hymn "Speak O Lord"

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You,  
to receive the food of Your holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
shape and fashion us in Your likeness.  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail;  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,  
that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built,  
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

Prayers of the People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory for ever. Amen.**

Children's Message

*Alicia Mullican*

Special Music "My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness"

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My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who bore my pain;  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
And gave me life again;  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness  
And clothed me with His light,  
And wrote His law of righteousness  
With pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who walks beside;  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength  
And causes fear to fly;  
Whose ev'ry promise is enough  
For ev'ry step I take,  
Sustaining me with arms of love  
And crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who reigns above;  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,  
Whose ev'ry thought is love;  
For ev'ry day I have on earth  
Is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all,  
To love and follow Him.

Bible Reading — Luke 18:1-8

**Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Jesus was telling them a parable about their need to pray continuously and not to be discouraged. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him, asking, 'Give me justice in this case against my adversary.' For a while he refused but finally said to himself, I don't fear God or respect people, but I will give this widow justice because she keeps bothering me. Otherwise, there will be no end to her coming here and embarrassing me." The Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. Won't God provide justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he be slow to help them? I tell you, he will give them justice quickly. But when the Human One comes, will he find faithfulness on earth?"

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The word of God for the people of God.      **Thanks be to God.**

Message — Prayers for Persevering

*Rev. Miriam Smith*

\*Closing Hymn #467 "Trust and Obey"

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,  
What a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.

**Refrain**  
**Trust and obey, for there's no other way**  
**To be happy in Jesus,**  
**But to trust and obey.**

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
But our toil he doth richly repay;  
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,  
But is blest if we trust and obey.

**Refrain**  
But we never can prove the delights of his love  
Until all on the altar we lay;  
For the favor he shows, for the joy he bestows,  
Are for them who will trust and obey.

**Refrain**  
Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,  
Or we'll walk by his side in the way;  
What he says we will do, where he sends we will go;  
Never fear, only trust and obey.

**Refrain**

\*Sending Forth

Musical Gift "Go Forth in Peace"

*Turner*