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Bible Reading for October 9

Prepare for next Sunday, October 9: Read Luke 17:11-19. We continue to look at prayer and how and why we are a people who pray. In the scripture lesson, there seems to be something going on with the need to offer God thanks. How aware are we of all that God has given to us? How frequently do we pray prayers of thanksgiving? What has stopped us from returning to offer thanks like the lepers in the scripture? What would it take to change our ways?

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.



Wednesday Nite Café October 5 Menu

Spaghetti
Naked Pasta
French 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

Lunch Bunch is every Wednesday at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$3 to help with the lunch costs.

Listening together calendar:

October 2, 2022—chapel open for private prayer, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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**.

October 16, 2022—guest speaker, **Liz Bowlin, GMC**, 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

September Financials

Needed Weekly \$15,559
Received Sept 25 \$7,890
Needed for Sept \$62,235
Received for Sept \$36,227

Last Week's Attendance

In-person: 129
Online: 86



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM
Worship – 10:30 AM

Calendar

Sunday, October 2

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

Monday, October 3

6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting-L

Tuesday, October 4

5:15 AM Exercise Class, Gym

8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH

2:30 PM Prayer Team, L

Wednesday, October 5

5:15 AM Exercise Class, Gym

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 6

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-JJ

Friday, October 7

5:15 AM Exercise Class-Gym

9:00 AM Women's Bible Study-JJ

CH- Chapel, FH- Fellowship Hall

LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall ,S- Sanctuary

L- Library, JJ-Java Jaay

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Love God
Love others
Serve the world



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Love God, love others, and serve the world

October 2, 2022

World Communion Sunday

10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

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

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Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

In the fullness of time, God gave us Jesus that we might understand God's love.

Yet we turned our backs on him and went our own way.

God's loving presence continued in the disciples, bringing again the message of hope and reconciliation.

Open our ears and our hearts, O Lord, to receive this message.

Let the bread and the wine we receive today give us strength and courage to do God's will.

Let our lives thus strengthened be a witness to God's eternal love for all God's people. AMEN.

*Hymn # 452 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire!

As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide;

Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll;
Blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

*Prayer of Confession and Pardon, Passing the Peace

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

Greeting

*Hymn "Bind Us Together"

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
Lord, bind us together in love.

There is only one God,
There is only one King;
There is only one body,
That is why we sing.

Special Music "We Have One Faith

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Lord, for many generations we have gathered in this place.
Young and old, meek and bold, united in our praise.
Now again this congregation lifts high its praise above
As we join our hearts together to celebrate, celebrate Your love.

Refrain
We have one faith. We have one hope.
We have one Spirit. We trust in God alone.
Upon this solid rock we stand forevermore.
We have one faith. We have one Lord.

Lord, we offer our thanksgiving now for all that You have done.
Yet in our lives we realize our work has just begun.
Lord, we give to you our future. Come lead us with Your light.
Help us, Lord, to work together to share the word, share the word of
life.

Refrain

Christ is the sure foundation. Christ is the cornerstone.
Now let the congregation lift up its voice and sing,
lift up its voice and sing.
Rejoice and praise the King of kings!

Refrain

Bible Reading — Luke 17:5-10

—[Prayer]

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.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this
mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Would any of you say to your servant, who had just come in from the field after
plowing or tending sheep, 'Come! Sit down for dinner?' Wouldn't you say instead, 'Fix
my dinner. Put on the clothes of a table servant and wait on me while I eat and drink.
After that, you can eat and drink?' You won't thank the servant because the servant did
what you asked, will you? In the same way, when you have done everything required of
you, you should say, 'We servants deserve no special praise. We have only done our
duty.'"

— The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message — Prayers for Faith

Rev. Miriam Smith

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer—

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
We give thanks for God's creation and deliverance, concluding:
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks for the Son and the gift of the Holy Meal.

...in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

We give thanks for God's presence, the Holy Spirit, concluding:

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

With the confidence of God's children, we are bold to pray together:

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.

*[While standing, receive the bread and cup. Then pray at the rail or return to your seat. Offerings left at
the rail go to the needy. You may wish to receive with these words. If you wish to remain seated, please
alert an usher and a server will come to you.]*

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

*Prayer after Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Closing Hymn #620 "One Bread, One Body"

Refrain
One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One up of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

Refrain

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

Refrain

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

Refrain

*Sending Forth

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