

**November 13, 2022**  
**23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

**PRELUDE** "Rêverie" Debussy

**WELCOME**

**OPENING SENTENCES** Ps. 118:1; Isa. 12:2; Heb. 10:23  
Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.  
**God's steadfast love endures forever.**  
Surely God is our salvation;  
**trust in the Lord and do not be afraid.**  
Hold fast to your hope without wavering,  
**for God who has promised is faithful.**  
Let us worship God!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

+**HYMN #403** "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" ENGELBERG

**CALL TO CONFESSION** 1 Tim. 1:14-15

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Lord our God,  
you call us to work for a world  
where all will be fed and have dignity,  
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.  
You call us to seek justice and peace,  
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.  
You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,  
but we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us, O Lord.  
Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,  
so that all may know your justice and peace;  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Phil. 3:9  
... we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**HYMN #651** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" MARYTON

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

... We pray to you, O Lord.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

**MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN** Rev. Bill Pinches

*Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School*

**INVITATION TO OFFERING** Heb. 13:16

**OFFERTORY** "Menuet from French Suite" Bach

+**RESPONSE #809** OLD HUNDREDTH  
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Heidelberg Catechism* (1562)  
**Q. How are you righteous before God?**

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Malachi 4:1-2a

**PSALM** Psalm 98  
Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**O LORD, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness  
in the sight of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.  
**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.  
**With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.  
**Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
who comes to judge the earth.**  
The LORD will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

**GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 21:5-19

**RESPONSE** John 6:68-69

The words of eternal life,  
by which we have come to believe.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** "Fall Like Rain" Pethel

**SERMON** "These Things Must Take Place First" Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN #517** "The Solid Rock" SOLID ROCK

+**BLESSING** Rev. 1:8  
... be with you now and always.  
**Amen.**

+**CHARGE** Luke 10:21  
... rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God!**

+**CHORAL BENEDICTION** "Sevenfold Amen" Stainer

**POSTLUDE** "Prelude No. 8" Debussy

**Join us for fellowship after worship.**  
*It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.*

**SERVING US TODAY**

**Liturgist:** Eva Schlenner  
**Greeters:** Jane Hamelink and Ron Dlouhy  
**Sound:** Tim Hammond  
**Livestream:** Tami Chapman  
**Security:** Andrew Pinches  
**Today's flowers** are given by  
Mary Garland Jackson and Rex Hauser  
in memory of  
Lois Johnson, Eleanor Hauser, and Mary Jackson

**CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE**

**#9. Community:**

Devoted to both faith and fellowship, the early Christians in Jerusalem generously share their wealth and resources. The church keeps growing!  
(Acts 2:43-47)

**THE STUDY CATECHISM**

**Question 41. How did Jesus Christ fulfill the office of king?**

He was the Lord who took the form of a servant; he perfected royal power in weakness. With no sword but the sword of righteousness, and no power but the power of love, Christ defeated sin, evil and death by reigning from the cross.

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**DAILY PRAYER**

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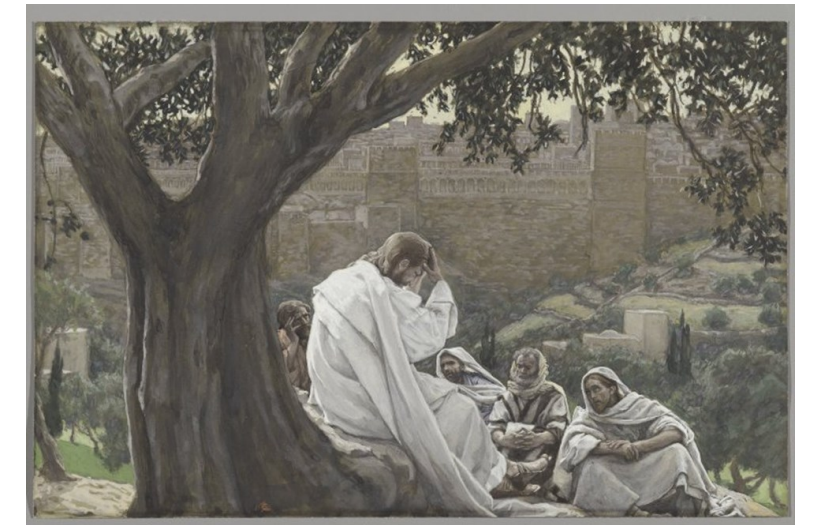
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	3:15 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:30 pm
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Session	7:00 pm
	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	Yarners	10:00 am

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Kyle McGonigal	Nov. 15
Jason Blonshine	Nov. 16
Mari Nicol	Nov. 19

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by James Tissot, c. 1890

*The fruit of the Spirit  
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,  
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.  
(Galatians 5:22-23)*