Perry Hall United Methodist Church

November 19, 2023

(**Stand as you are able)

WELCOME – RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ Please sign the Ritual of Friendship and pass down the row. When everyone has signed, please pass it back to the center, noting those on your row that you may not know. Be sure to greet them after the service! ~

ORGAN PRELUDE "Variations on the Navy Hymn"

I – Adagio, II – Chorale Prelude

CHORAL INTROIT "Psalm 100" Messier

**OPENING HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" pg. 694 UMH

** CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon the earth.

P: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

L: The earth has brought forth its increase; may God, our own God, bless us.

P: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Thank you, Creator of the universe, for the people gathered around us today. We give thanks for the things of the earth that give us the means of life.

P: Thank you for the plants, animals, and birds that we use as food and medicine.

L: Thank you for the natural world, in which we find the means to be clothed and housed.

P: Thank you, Lord, for the ability to use these gifts of the natural world.

L: Help us to see our place among these gifts, not to squander them or think of them as means for selfish gain.

P: May we respect the life of all you have made. May our spirits be strengthened by using only what we need, and may we use our strength to help those who need us. Amen.

CHILDREN'S STORY

**PRAISE SONGS "I Will Call Upon The Lord"

"The River Is Here"

"Give Thanks"

"We Gather Together"

"You Alone Deserve Our Praise"

CELEBRATION OF OUR SHARED MINISTRY

BLESSING OF OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MISSION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM "O Happy Day" Edwin Hawkins

PSALTER Psalm 65 (with sung response) pg. 789 UMH

**SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:14-30 (pg.28-29 NT) The Gospel

**Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

THE MESSAGE "Use It or Lose It" Rev. Margery Schammel

**CLOSING HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" pg. 102 UMH

**BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH "The Trees of the Field"

ORGAN POSTLUDE "Give Thanks Unto God" Ashford

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Children's Story – Sherri Wilmer

Acolyte – Lily VanHook

Altar Guild - Peggy Whiting and Judy Mayes

MESSAGE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

"King & Servant" – Matthew 25:31-46

OUR PRAYER LIST

Dean Martin, Cindy Hooten, Kitty Doster, Danny Benner, those suffering with vertigo, cancer, debilitating illnesses, addictions, those in war-torn countries, and those needing ongoing prayer.

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Coffee Hour

JFK Lecture, Sanctuary 2 pm

Monday Scouts 7:30-8:30 pm Tuesday Bible Class 11 am

Scouts 6-7 pm

Wednesday

Thursday Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday

Saturday Thrift Shop 9:00 am-12 pm

This afternoon at 2 pm, Mark Kraus will present a lecture on the 60th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Mr. Kraus has done 50 years of research on the subject and will offer an educated opinion of what happened on November 22, 1963. The lecture is free and open to all.

Advent Bible Study, "The Heart that Grew Three Sizes", will run for four weeks beginning on November 27th (Monday evenings @ 7 pm) and November 28th (Tuesdays @ noon). Chapter topics include: When Everything Is Wrong, When Christmas Isn't Christmas, When Light Shines, When Joy Is Our Song. Cost is \$15 for the book. Signup forms are in the narthex.

Digital Greetings for this Christmas season are on sale. The cost is \$25 for your design, and \$30 if you want Denise to design it for you. Money and greeting information is **due no later than TOMORROW, November 20**th. Digital greetings will be displayed on the overheads from November 26th through January 7th. Information and instructions for designing are available in the Narthex.

Join us in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 26th at 2 pm as Don Appel presents an Organ Recital celebrating the 50th anniversary of our beautiful pipe organ! Everyone is invited to enjoy an afternoon of wonderful music. The recital is open to all and free of charge. There will be a love offering taken to support our church.

Breakfast with Santa is on December 9th. Tickets can be purchased at <u>Perry Hall United Methodist Church: Breakfast with Santa! (signupgenius.com)</u>. You can also sign up to help out on the same page!

Christmas Tea and Gingerbread House decorating are both on December 10th. Join us in the Fellowship Hall after service to enjoy the festivities!

Happy Birthday Jesus!! Join us after service **on December 17**th **as we celebrate Jesus' birthday.** Enjoy a variety of tasty treats as we celebrate all of our birthdays, as well.

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