

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2020

Sermon:

A Light for Dark, Drowsy Times

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Matin" Gordon Young

Invocation

*Hymn: #362 "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers" (see insert)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Response:** In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (#654)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Amazing Grace" Anna Laura Page
Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #377 – "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (see insert)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out and meet him.' ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed (see insert)

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Hymn: #85 "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

1. Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.
2. Light two candles to watch for Messiah;
Let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
Gently lead them homeward.
3. Light three candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway
for the King of glory.
4. Light four candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He is coming; tell the glad tidings.
Let your lights be shining.

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Eternal Father Strong to Save" Thomas Chesterton

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

WORSHIP HOUR INFORMATION:

It is an ancient Scottish custom for the pulpit Bible to be brought into the sanctuary and placed by a layperson before the service begins.

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Honor of our Veterans and Missionaries
Given by Betty Sowers**

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Carroll & Carol Shearer

The Session calls the annual **Congregational Meeting** for Sunday, November 15, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve a budget for 2021 and elect new officers for 2021. A few copies of the budget will be available at the back of the sanctuary. If you take one, please bring it back for the meeting. Digital copies may be requested by emailing the church office:

leacock.secretary@gmail.com.

Peanut Butter Bonbons

We will be making peanut butter bonbons tomorrow, Monday, November 9, at 10:00am and on another day in December. Call Carol Shearer if you would like to help make them or donate supplies. You can order bonbons by calling the church office or Carol Shearer and pick them up at the church or buy them at Loretta McClarigan's shop. We will have milk chocolate, dark chocolate, or mixed at a cost of \$6.50 per container.

The **Toys for Tots** box is in the narthex near the east vestibule door. The Marines would appreciate your generosity even more so this year because they feel giving will be less. Your help is more than appreciated! Most needed are toys for 0-2 year olds and 9-12 year olds. For ages 9-12, it could be a watch, makeup kit, jewelry, wallet, etc. We will let you know when the box will be picked up. Last year was great, and I hope you all can give again. Thank you!

Dave Berkhimer

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1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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