



Morning Worship Celebration

November 20, 2011

177 Years of Reaching Up in Faith- -Reaching Out in Love

Adoration

Prayer Requests (Prayer requests are received by writing down prayers on the card found as an insert in this bulletin. These cards are passed down the pew, to the aisle, and collected by the Ushers during the Hymn of Praise. Then, during Time for Meditation and Prayer, these prayers are lifted up by the Congregation.)

"A quiet time for prayer and centering"

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Welcome to Worship

Prelude "The Jesus Came" Arr. Dr. Peter P. Slack

Sharing of Activities in the Life of Our Congregation & Community
Christmas Angel Gifts Karen Palevich
(receive prayer requests)

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: Open our eyes Lord, for us to see.

People: Open our eyes to see the journey we are on.

Leader: Let our ears hear you Lord.

People: Hear the path you are calling us to take.

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Lord, your light is the only light we need, as we travel through life's mystery. Your word is the small voice that leads us to the place where we should be. Lead us Lord on our journey toward You. Amen.

*Response of Praise (sung)

Glo – ri-a Glo – ri-a Glo – ri-a

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*A Time of Greeting

GIVING GOD PRAISE

Cherub Choir "This is the Way"

A Time with Our Children Skit

(Elementary children may leave for Sunday School)

Special Music "The Climb" Meghan Otenbaker

LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK

Scripture Lessons

Jeremiah 29:11 (p. 677)

Psalms 32:8 (p. 480)

Sermon Its All About The Climb

Prayers of the People and Prayer of our Savior

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. 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.

Prayer Response (Sung)

In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied

In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

Invitation to the Offering

(Please sign the attendance pad located at the center aisle end of the pew.)

The Offertory "Revelation" Third Day, Selected - Brandon Palevich

*Response of Praise (Sung)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power up-lifts.

Praise the Spir-it, Holy Spir-it

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

O God, we offer our gifts and our commitments to care giving, knowing that their impact will more than double with your love. We offer our ministries of compassion. We know that you will expand their ability to give life beyond our wildest imagination. We know that you will use us and our gifts in ways that will speak to others and us of your abundant goodness. Amen.

Communion Liturgy

***Hymn** "Let There be Peace on Earth" 512

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction Response** "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

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.

***Postlude** "Acht kleine Praludien und Fugen # 1" Johann S. Bach

**Please stand if able.*

24TH ANNUAL "COMMUNITY MESSIAH SING - TODAY, 4:30 PM

Come and enjoy the free concert at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church of Grand Blanc, located at 9020 S. Saginaw Street.

Our Stewardship Thought:

We give because God first gave to us. "You received without payment; give without payment"

(Matthew 10:8)

Ministries & Special Events

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS & CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

Thank you for supporting the Christmas shoe box ministry and the Thanksgiving food baskets. The food baskets & shoe boxes are being delivered today.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY LUNCH

As a thank you to all the members and friends who contribute to operations of God's church we invite you to join us **today** in the Christian Life Center following worship for a light lunch.

POSSIBLE BLOOD DRIVE

The Care and Nurture Team is considering having a blood drive but we would need a minimum amount of people. Please sign up sheet will be located in Fellowship Hall after worship. We will let you know the results and timing on having a blood drive if enough people sign up.

SHARE GROUP

Get a head start on the holiday season by joining the SHARE group in the hanging of the greens on **Monday, November 21 at 9:00 AM**. We will be decorating the sanctuary, narthex, offices and Fellowship Hall. A pizza and salad lunch will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

GRAND BLANC COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

For those interested in attending the service will be held on **Tuesday, November 22nd** at 7:00 PM at St. Christopher's Church in Grand Blanc, G9020 S. Saginaw Street.

CALLING ALL COOKS

The Fellowship Team is looking for members to donate cooked hams and turkeys for Advent Dinner on **December 4th**. If you are interested, please contact Erin Spicer at (810) 397-4564, mespicer0413@msn.com. Thank you!!

BI-ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

The Outreach team will be collecting gently used coats, (children and adults), for our bi-annual coat drive. Please place coats in the boxes labeled coats located in the Fellowship Hall by **December 4th**. The team will give them to a local shelter.

FAMILY ADVENT NIGHT

Join your church family on **Sunday, December 4th from 5:00-7:00 PM**. Family Advent Night is the best way to start the Christmas season out right. The night starts with a potluck, we ask that you bring a dish by your last name: A-H a vegetable, I-Q salad, and R-Z a casserole. Desserts will be provided by the fellowship team. The Spiritual Growth team will be leading you in a family craft, and then down to the sanctuary for the Children's Christmas program, "The Great Manger Mystery."

CHRISTMAS ANGEL GIFTS

The Outreach team received 125 names from the North End Soup Kitchen in Flint. We are asking for volunteers to purchase gifts for these children, infant to 17 years old, for many this will be their only gift this Christmas. Gift tags will be available in the Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, November 20th with the name and age of a child in need. Please attach the gift tag to your purchased gift and drop it off in the narthex no later than **Sunday, December 11th**. If you have any questions please contact Karen Palevich at (810) 953-0412.

SUNDAY OFFERING

The Offering for Sunday, November 13th was \$3,842.00, Second Mile was \$1,205.00.

THANKS

To those who assisted in today's worship services

Ministers All the Members	Acolytes Jonathan Voth Josh Palevich
Senior Pastor Rev. Joe Schulte	Lay Liturgist Nick Riley
Organist Lavonne Bomeli	Prayers Lana Bellah
Director of Music Brandon Sanders	Usher Team The Net
Public Address System Bob Throop	Tally Team Dawn Bentley
Host Betti Shier	Coffee Hour Hosts Fellowship Team
Greeters Alex Loomis, Jacob Riley Joshua Davis	Open & Close Church Tom McLaren
Special Music Meghan Otenbaker	Skit Cassy Riley, Mathew Rogers, Danielle Harris Dezwan Spicer



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HEARING ASSISTANCE

If you need hearing assistance, ask an usher about our Williams Sound System.

Church Staff

Senior Pastor
Rev. Joe Schulte

Director of Youth & Educational Ministries

Tracy Loomis

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Wanda Kitchen

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Carla Meier

Director of Music

Brandon Sanders

Organist

Lavonne Bomeli

Learning House Director

Susan Arnould

Parish Visitor

Barbara Benson

Custodian

Tom McLaren

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 20	Youth Worship / Stewardship Sunday 9:00 Faith of Your Own 10:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship 11:30 The Net - Deliver Food Baskets 11:30 Care & Nurture Blood Drive 11:30 Christmas Celebration Practice 11:30 Stewardship Sunday Lunch 4:30 24 th Annual "Community Messiah Sing" 8:00 Men's Basketball
Monday, November 21	9:00 Christmas Decorations - Sanctuary 6:00 Sacred Parenting Class 6:30 Boy Scout Mtg.
Tuesday, November 22	6:00 Upward Evaluations 6:00 Fellowship Team 7:00 GB Community Thanksgiving Service 7:00 Alcoholic Anonymous 7:00 Forgiven Band Practice
Wednesday, November 23	6:00 Autism Group Basketball 7:00 Seventh-Day Adventists
Thursday, November 24	HAPPY THANKSGIVING Learning House & Office Closed
Friday, November 25	Learning House & Office Closed
Saturday, November 26	9:00 Seventh-Day Adventists 12:00 Seventh-Day Adventists Luncheon 7:00 Alcoholic Anonymous
Sunday, November 27	9:00 Faith of Your Own 10:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship 11:30 Christmas Celebration Practice 8:00 Men's Basketball

Prayers and Concerns:

Please pray for Norma & Deloy Burrows, Joan Duff, Madeline Dunlap, Ann Edgcombe, Arnold Fletcher, Helen Jewett, Owen Mooney, Wilma Palmer, Claude Shinn, George Smith, Howard Weaver, & Dale Wells

WELCOME!

Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Times



"Our mission is to enable disciples to change the world to the glory of God by living the teachings of Jesus our Christ."



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