

# November 21, 2021

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "Praise Ye the Lord"  
Carol Stewart and Steve Gurk, piano-organ duet

Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner

Introit Chancel Choir

\*\*Call to Worship

L: The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

**P: For the night weeping may tarry; with the morning light comes joy.**

L: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

**P: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

L: then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

**P: The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.**

L: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb!

**P: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy!**

L: Those who go forth weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

**P: shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

\*\*Opening Hymn UMH#139  
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (vs 1-3,5)

Opening Prayer (unison)

**In every season, God of love and goodness, your steadfast love sustains us. You have brought us here, invited us to become a community of faith, called us to remember that we live and breathe only by the power of your grace in our lives. In this season of harvest, our hearts are full of gratitude for what your hand has so generously provided us. On this day of promise, then, we look to the future with hope, opening ourselves to your Spirit at work in our lives. Be present with us this day and in this time of worship, we pray. Amen.**

Prayer Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" UMH#102

Prayers of the Faithful & the Lord's Prayer

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "I Will Give Thanks" Robert Clatter buck  
Carol Stewart and Steve Gurk, piano-organ duet

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication Pastor Andy Wagner

**We come with joy and thankfulness for the many blessings we have been given. May these gifts, given here and the service of our hands, make a difference as we seek to follow Jesus' way. Amen.**

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir (see insert)  
"With a Voice of Singing" Martin Shaw

Scripture Lesson Joel 2: 21-27

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Sermon "The Promise of Plenty" Pastor Andy Wagner

\*\*Closing Hymn "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" UMH#694

\*\*Sending Forth


\*\*Choral Benediction Chancel Choir

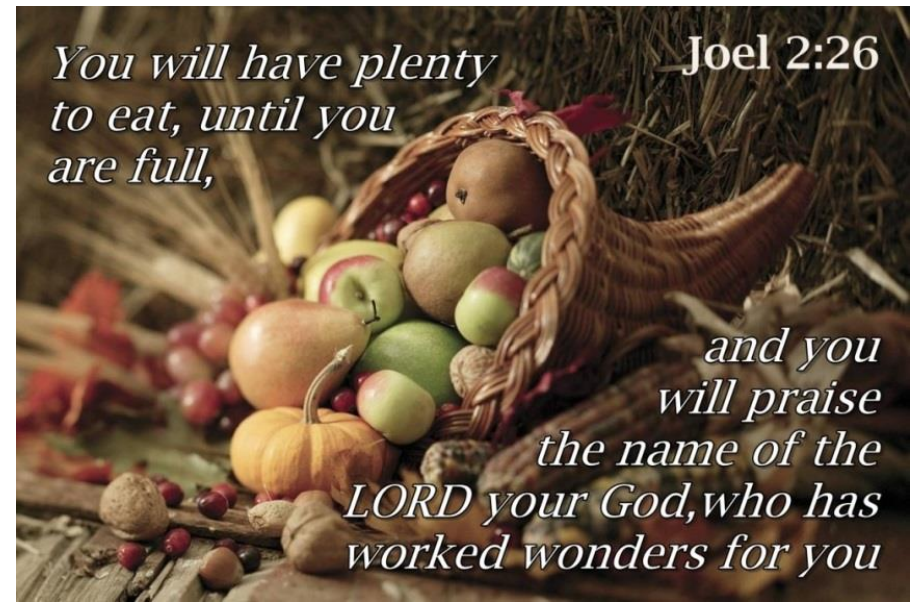
\*\*Postlude "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" Henry Smith



*A special thank you to Alice Osman, Jackie Foster, & Ann Ledbetter for the beautiful Thanksgiving Altar arrangement.*



Monday 22	Cub Scouts Boy Scouts SPRC	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Rm 15 A-B Rm 15C Library
Tuesday 23	Disciple Bible Study	6:30 pm	Rm 6
Wednesday 24			
Thursday 25	<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b> 	<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Friday 26	Concert Set Up	<b>OFFICE</b> 10:00 am	<b>CLOSED</b> Rm 15 A-C
Saturday 27	Concert Rehearsal TBD - Double I	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Rm 15 A-C Rm 15 A & Kitchen
Sunday 28	Traditional Worship Sunday School Contemporary Worship	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary Rm 11, 15 C, 16A, Parlor, Library FCC



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### Sunday School Studies

**Double I** meet in 15C, Leader Wayne Cook, study of "Thanksgiving Day Reflections and Ideas."

**Open Doors** meet in Parlor, Leader Sandy Pramer study "The Book of Proverbs."

**Friends & Followers** meet in the Library, Leader Chad Mossier.

**Grades 6-12** will meet in Rm 16 A-B, Leader Joyce Smith.

**Preschool – Grade 5** Join the children in Rm 11 under the leadership of Kiley Fleming and Karen Mossier for Bible Stories and activities to reinforce the Bible Story of the day.

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#### Worship Team

Ushers	Doug Wickline, Paul Pinkerton, Brant Wickline, Bill Turner
Liturgist	Mike Engle
Acolytes	Micah Fleming, Will Mossier
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bell Director	Jim McPeck
Choir Director	Bob Colaner

# Scripture Lesson – Joel 2: 21-27

- <sup>21</sup> Do not fear, O soil;  
be glad and rejoice,  
for the LORD has done great things!
- <sup>22</sup> Do not fear, you animals of the field,  
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;  
the tree bears its fruit,  
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.
- <sup>23</sup> O children of Zion, be glad  
and rejoice in the LORD your God;  
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,  
he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
the early and the later rain, as before.
- <sup>24</sup> The threshing floors shall be full of grain,  
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
- <sup>25</sup> I will repay you for the years  
that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
my great army, which I sent against you.
- <sup>26</sup> You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
and praise the name of the LORD your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you.  
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
- <sup>27</sup> You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
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## Next Sermon – Sunday, November 28

“Advent Connection and Tradition”  
Scripture Lesson

Guest Pastor: Rev. Vic Toney  
Jeremiah 33: 14-16

## With A Voice of Singing

By Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia.  
Declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia.  
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.  
The Lord has delivered his people, Alleluia.  
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O be joyful in God all ye lands,  
O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.  
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## Announcements

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**CHRISTMAS IS RED AND GREEN – SO WHY AM I BLUE?** “Joy to the world, the Lord is come!” For those who know that “this Christmas will be a hard one” there will be a Blue Christmas service sponsored by Stephen Ministry on **Sunday afternoon, December 5<sup>th</sup>**, at 2:30 in the sanctuary. At that time we will acknowledge the pain and sadness many people experience as the holidays approach as well as encourage people to move toward hope.

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**SIGN UP NOW FOR 2022 ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flower calendar for 2022 is on the table in the narthex. Your gift of Altar flowers enhances the worship service and reflects the beauty of God’s World. If you sign up for flowers we can order them or you can order them from your favorite florist. You will receive a reminder call prior to the date. If you have any questions please call the office or Joyce Smith (937) 372-6576 or Betsy Murray (937) 372-8376.

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