

November 20, 2022

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "The Church's One Foundation" Samuel Wesley
Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner
Introit Chancel Choir

**Call to Worship

L: This is God's house, a holy temple. We are in the midst of God's dwelling place.

P: My soul longs, yea, faints for the courts of God. My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

L: Happy are those whom God has chosen to be here. Blessed are all whom God has forgiven and named.

P: Our voices rise in praise of God's awesome deeds. Mountains and seas bow down before the Creator.

L: God crowns the year with a bountiful harvest. Flocks and grain fill the meadows.

A: God's presence is felt to the ends of the earth. All creation is God's dwelling place, God's home.

**Opening Hymn "We Gather Together" UMH#131

Opening Prayer (unison)

Bounteous God, you have offered us the fullness of life in Christ; you have invited us to the feast of rejoicing. We thank you that you seek us out on the roadways of life, before we even ask. Clothe us in righteousness so that we may be worthy guests at your table. Amen.

Children's Moments

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 "Amazing Grace" Virginia Harmony
**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

For every benefit we praise you, God; for every gift received and for each gift we are blessed in giving. For all your goodness we give thanks to you; the providence which made and nourishes life; the presence which brings meaning in divine and human love, and the promise that gives hope for each new moment. Out of faith and into hope we are led by your love, and for these graces we return our thanks, through the mercies of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Psalm 46

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir and Bonnie McPeek, Clarinet
"Still, My Soul Be Still" (see insert)

Sermon "Our Helper Amid the Flood" Pastor Andy Wagner

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

Sending Forth

Choral Benediction

Postlude "Come, You Fount of Every Blessing"
Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music



A special thank you to Ann Ledbetter for donating the decorations and to Alice Osman and Jackie Foster for putting together the beautiful Thanksgiving Altar arrangement.

Scripture Lesson – Psalm 46

God Is Our Fortress

- 46** God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
- ³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
- ⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- ⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
- ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
- ¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"
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WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew. We welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon.

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"The Angels of Christmas, Part 1"
Gospel Lesson

Pastor Andy Wagner
Luke 1: 5-25



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Worship Team

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| Ushers | Doug Wickline, Paul Pinkerton, Brant Wickline, Bill Turner |
| Greeters | Paul Dillaplain, Elaine Hughes |
| Acolytes | Luke Mossing, Logan Fleming |
| Liturgist | Sandy Pramer |
| Guest Organist | Jim McPeek |
| Choir Director | Glen Shaw |
| Bells Director | Jim McPeek |



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| | Women of Faith | 1:00 pm | FH 15 C |
| | Men of Faith | 6:00 pm | Rm 16 A-B |
| | Cub Scouts | 6:30 pm | FH 15 A-B |
| | Boy Scouts | 7:00 pm | FH 15 C |
| | Stephen Ministry | 7:00 pm | Library |
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| Wednesday 23 | Handbell Practice | 6:15 pm | Music Room |
| Thursday 24 | OFFICE CLOSED | | |
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| Friday 25 | OFFICE CLOSED | | |
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| | Double I | 6:00 pm | FH 15 A-B, Kitchen |
| Sunday 27 | Sunday School | 9:15 am | Parlor, 11, 15C, 16A |
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God You are my God, And I will trust in You and not be shaken
Lord of peace renew, A steadfast spirit within me
To rest in You alone.

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