

The Church Mouse

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR SUNDAY OCT. 21ST

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title: "Help!"

Based on this Scripture: Luke 22:39-46

Jesus shows us a moment of vulnerability in the Garden of Gethsemane. He prays for Himself, that God would remove the cup of suffering that He knows He must endure. Jesus prays for help. Yet, He pursues something even greater, even higher. He seeks that God's will might be done.

We Look Forward to Worshiping with you this Sunday!

CHURCH EVENTS

- Oct 23rd - Handbells at 4:30 PM
- Oct 24th -- Men's Prayer Breakfast is at 7 AM, Taking Off Pounds Sensibly meets at 9 AM, Ensemble 6:15 & Choir at 7 PM
- Oct 25th – Presbyterian Women's Council meets at 9 AM, Mission meets at 7 PM
- Oct 28th – Centershot at 3:30 PM

Sunday Servants:

<i>1ST SUNDAY</i>	<i>2ND SUNDAY</i>	<i>3RD SUNDAY</i>	<i>4TH SUNDAY</i>
<i>Dick Foard Mike Fuller Kitty Davis Chris Doyel</i>	<i>Patricia Cowan Louise Theberge John Kupiec Billy Healy</i>	<i>Jim Wesson John Ogburn Todd Coons John O'Briant Lewis Horsley</i>	<i>Doug Price Jane Price Bob McCreary Carter Richardson</i>
<i>LITURGISTS:</i>			
<i>Warren Deal</i>	<i>Cyndy Moore</i>	<i>Sandy Pait</i>	<i>Deb Shelby</i>
<i>ACOLYTES:</i>			
<i>Mac Montgomery</i>	<i>Bradyn Barr</i>	<i>Nikko Medeiros</i>	<i>Josh Julian</i>

Sunday School Teachers Training

You're invited to the Christian Education Lunch & Learn!! Our elementary and preschool teaching teams will be grabbing lunch in the fellowship hall immediately following service and learning more about best practices for teaching elementary/preschool students, getting technology updates, and exploring new and exciting resources for the classroom. If you are interested in what we do and how we do it, please join us. All are welcome! If you are not currently teaching, but would like to join us, just email Cindy at cindy.dce@gracecovenant.us

Elementary Teaching Team Lunch & Learn:

October 28, 2018

Preschool Teaching Team Lunch & Learn:

November 4, 2018



Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty
firmament!
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his
surpassing greatness!
Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and
dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing
cymbals!
Let everything that breathes
praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

Notes:

Save the Date: on Oct. 31st we are having "Hot Dog Night" again. This is Halloween. If you want to come help, please wear your green "GCPC" shirt (if you have one). We will be giving hotdogs to families that come out to "trick or treat" on main street. This event was a lot of fun last year!

The Ware Circle of the King's Daughters and Sons spaghetti dinner is this Friday, Oct. 19th evening from 5- 7:30 PM



Pastor's Pen

We are going to be going south to help with hurricane recovery as soon as we are allowed. If you would like to be on our team, please call the church office with your name, phone number and email so we can let you know when we will hold a planning meeting: 693-2071.

Until then if you wish to help financially, keep reading. The following note has a link in it where you can help today:

A Note from the Director of World Renew Disaster Response Services:

You have no doubt seen Hurricane Florence, and now Hurricane Michael today, across the news. If you have been a part of our ministry for a while, I certainly don't have to tell you how long it takes to recover from events of these magnitudes. If you are new to our ministry, consider the fact that we are in the first of several years of work after last year's Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. Your incredible generosity last year in response to those disasters means that together we can repair homes and support local efforts for the next several years.

Will you once again prayerfully consider giving your financial support to respond to Hurricane Florence and/or Michael?

Together, we can be there for the single parent struggling to care for her children, we can be there for the widower left wondering how he will ever fix his leaking roof, we will be there for the woman living in a storage shed because she can't afford to fix her home.

Hold Control Button + Left Click [here](#) to donate and to learn more.

Thank you for your generosity, trust, and support. With deep appreciation in the Name of our Lord,
Bob Laarman Director, World Renew Disaster Response Services

If you can not open the link above, you can call: World Renew directly at 800-848-5818.

Celebrate!

Birthdays:

Mia Sadler	10/01
Lois Harrington	10/03
Rebecca Schmitz	10/06
Calvin Fahrion	10/08
Sherri Lutz	10/08
Pat Perkins	10/09
Amy Denison	10/09
Sylvia Jones	10/12
Sissy Hall	10/12
Joyce Duke	10/13
Lori Jones	10/13
Harry Sindle	10/14
Jackie Wiatt	10/14
Barbara Fleming-Fahrion	10/14
Steve Lanning	10/20
Pam Driggs	10/21
Jean Crowder	10/23
Wesley Wilson	10/24
Lyn Claybrook	10/24
Ella Taylor	10/24
Eva Towell	10/26
Jack Pennington	10/27
Ben Norris	10/29
William Wells Jr.	10/29
Wynne Beale	10/31
Lewis Horsley	10/31

Anniversaries:

Louis & Patricia Mulligan	10/07
Carter & Nancy Richardson	10/11
Ben & Jane Norris	10/15
Bernard & Charlotte Ambrose	10/21
Warren & Becky Deal	10/23
Robert & Susan McCreary	10/31



TREASURERS REPORT:

OPERATING FUND	DEC 2017	2018 BUDGET	YTD BUDGET SEPT 2018	YTD ACTUAL SEPT 2018
INCOME:				
RECEIVED FROM PLEDGING	\$ 312,993	\$ 319,388	\$ 239,541	\$ 263,644
RECEIVED FROM NON-PLEDGING	70,333	70,000	52,500	35,699
LOOSE COLLECTION	7,335	10,000	7,500	7,663
SUNDAY SCHOOL	425	400	300	75
INTEREST INCOME	1,205	650	488	1,038
CHURCH RENTAL	2,067	2,250	1,688	911
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 394,358	\$ 402,688	\$ 302,016	\$ 309,030
EXPENSES:				
MISSION	\$ 41,689	\$ 47,550	\$ 35,663	\$ 32,727
CHRISTIAN GROWTH	13,980	22,150	16,613	13,551
WORSHIP	9,467	9,800	7,350	3,338
ADMIN & SUPPORT	324,440	352,748	264,561	254,619
CONGREGATIONAL CARE	812	825	619	256
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 390,388	\$ 433,073	\$ 324,805	\$ 304,491
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 3,970	\$ (30,385)	\$ (22,789)	\$ 4,539
DUE FROM OP FUND PLEDGES				\$ 58,790
BUILDING FUND				
	DEC 2017	YTD 2018		
INCOME:				
RECEIVED FROM PLEDGING	\$ 6,430	\$ 5,070		
RECEIVED FROM NON-PLEDGING	1,710	-		
LOOSE COLLECTION	48	10		
MEMORIAL GIFTS	-	10		
HONORARIUM GIFTS	-	-		
INTEREST INCOME	273	-		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 8,461	\$ 5,090		
EXPENSES:				
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	-	-		
TOTAL EXPENSES	-	-		
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 8,461	\$ 5,090		
DUE FROM BUILDING FUND PLEDGES		\$ 3,190		
PCUSA DISMISSAL FUND				
	DEC 2017	YTD 2018	GRAND TOTAL	
INCOME:				
DISMISSAL FEE PLEDGE INCOME	\$ 285,005	\$ 50,954	\$ 335,959	
DISMISSAL FEE NON-PLEDGE INCOME	19,575	4,000	23,575	
DISMISSAL FEE OTHER INCOME	30,021	-	30,021	
DISMISSAL FEE LOOSE INCOM	355	10	365	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 334,956	\$ 54,964	\$ 389,920	
EXPENSES:				
PCUSA DISMISSAL PAYMENTS	300,000	100,000	400,000	
TOTAL EXPENSES	300,000	100,000	400,000	
DISMISSAL FEE SHORTFALL*	\$ 34,956	\$ (45,036)	\$ (10,080)	
DUE FROM DISMISSAL FEE PLEDGES*			\$ 18,560	

*In June, we made the final payment for dismissal from the PCUSA.

We "borrowed" from church savings to make this payment.

To restore those funds for future ministry uses, we need to collect **\$10,080**. If you have a pledge balance, please continue to make pledge payments until this money is restored to the savings account.

Daily Lectionary:

Monday, October 22

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Micah 2:1–13
Rev. 7:1–8
Luke 9:51–62

Tuesday, October 23

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Micah 3:1–8
Rev. 7:9–17
Luke 10:1–16

Wednesday, October 24

Morning: Pss. 65;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 125; 91
Micah 3:9–4:5
Rev. 8:1–13
Luke 10:17–24

Thursday, October 25

Morning: Pss. 143;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
Micah 5:1–4, 10–15
Rev. 9:1–12
Luke 10:25–37

Friday, October 26

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
Micah 6:1–8
Rev. 9:13–21
Luke 10:38–42

Saturday, October 27

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
Micah 7:1–7
Rev. 10:1–11
Luke 11:1–13

Sunday, October 28

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
Jonah 1:1–17a
1 Cor. 10:15–24
Matt. 18:15–20

Monday, October 29

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Jonah 1:17–2:10
Rev. 11:1–14
Luke 11:14–26

Tuesday, October 30

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Jonah 3:1–4:11
Rev. 11:14–19
Luke 11:27–36

Wednesday, October 31

Morning: Pss. 96;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Nahum 1:1–14
Rev. 12:1–6
Luke 11:37–52

My Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, calls, cards, emails, texts, meals and many offers of help. Your caring and concern certainly lifted my spirits after my surgery. I am blessed!

Nancy Richardson



Prayer Concerns:

Pray for Cary Franklin, Wesley and Betty Wilson, Dana Gilmour, Harriett George, Tess and Kim Robins, Charlotte Martin, David Guthrie, E J Rowe, Virginia Wilkinson, Stephanie Markoff, David Lipps, Bob McCreary, and Wayne Oliver. If you have a prayer request, even if it is unspoken, you may call the church office and your prayer request will be placed here.

Gloucester House: Wayne Gates
Brookdale, Williamsburg:
Virginia Powers, & Barbara Tremblay

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