

Dismissal Songs

“Let There Be Love”

*Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love in our eyes;
may now your love
sweep this nation,
cause us, Oh Lord
to arise;
Give us a fresh understanding,
of Christian love that is real;
let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.*

“May God’s Blessing”

*May God’s blessing
Surround you each day,
As you trust Him
and walk in his way.
May his presence within
Guard and keep you from sin,
go in peace,
go in joy,
go in love.*

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November 2023 (Year A)

A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WHO ARE WITH US TODAY. WE HOPE THAT GOD WILL BLESS US AS WE WORSHIP HIM HERE TOGETHER AT ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH.

From the Rector's desk:

This church bulletin will take us from November 5th to November 26th. In that time, we will conclude the Sundays of Trinity or Pentecost, depending on which way we prefer to celebrate them. The last Sunday of November, is also known as *Reign of Christ Sunday*, which acknowledges and focus on Jesus Christ as King of our lives. Not by accident, this Sunday is also the last one before the beginning of Advent, when we count down the Sundays to Christmas. During Advent we use our wreath to mark each Sunday and its theme. The focus of our Advent celebration is Hope, Peace, Joy and love. These are all the things that Jesus came to teach us about, and yet, over 2000 years later, our world is so far off the mark on each one of these themes. We live at a very critical time in human history, and our world is teetering on the brink of catastrophe unlike anything we have faced before as a collective humanity. It seems that wherever we turn in our world there is human suffering, war and aggression. For nearly two years we have watched the destruction of Ukraine, from the twisted dictator Vladimir Putin, in recent weeks we saw the massacre of Israeli citizens by the Palestinian terror group known as Hamas. From this attack we have seen severe retribution from Israel, that, unfortunately, have resulted in the deaths of many innocent people on both sides. We see a rising increase in military, nuclear, financial and cyber threats from rogue regimes like China, North Korea, and Russia, to name just a few. All of these alarming events, coupled with natural disasters, have seen an increase in the need for humanitarian help, from about 75 million in 2014 to more than 350 million in 2023. Pope Francis has spoken extensively about hope. In one of his weekly general audiences, he advised young people to *"love, believe, and follow their dreams, never despairing because Jesus is always with them. When life hits hard, they should try to get up again, letting others help them, and if they are bored, they should concentrate on doing good things for others. In another instance, he referred to hope as the "humble virtue" that keeps us afloat in tough times. He also said that God is the light that illuminates the darkness, even if it does not dissolve it, and a spark of divine light is within each of us".* The good news in the midst of this chaos is the same now as it was over 2000 years ago, *Jesus is the King, he is the prince of peace, he is the one we look to as we try to make sense of the world we live in.* The story of Christianity, at least in its purest form, is that there is indeed a spark of divine light within each one of us, and this is recognized and made very real at our baptism, when we become one with Christ. At a

time when the world seems to be devoid of hope, peace, joy and love, we have the ability within each one of us to make a difference. The Church has the ability to rise up and make a difference, after all what is the Church, if it is not you and I living out the gospel to which we have been called to share? The institutional church continues to go through a period of upheaval and change, and the reality is that some people have given up hope for a better world. When we give up hope we have already lost the battle. Christians can not exist apart from hope, anymore than we can live without food and drink, it's at the very core of our being. Hope becomes alive in the church when it becomes alive in us, so, if we find ourselves dismayed over the current state of our world, we need to find ways to emblazon that tiny little spark of divine light within us. It may have almost disappeared, but if we search for it, we will find it. I am reminded of that church song we would often sing around camp fires at Killdevil camp or Mint Brook camp, *It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up to its glowing, that's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it, you spread that love to everyone, you want to pass it on.* And that is the crux of the matter, that desire to pass it on, that seems to be where the greatest need is, how to pass it on. So, as we make our way to the weeks of Advent, I invite you to make the journey with us all at the church, through Advent and into Christmas. If we believe our world is still worth saving, and if we believe we each have that little spark of divine light, let us come together as the body of Christ to make a real difference. The world will have Peace, hope, joy and love when we pray for it and work toward it. When we seek to save the world from the darkness that comes when hope is gone, we are working toward a better future for not only ourselves, but our grandchildren, and future generations to come. It is a monumental task we have been called to as the church, but God has already given us the resources we need to make it a reality. It all starts with re-igniting that spark we have, and it all comes to fruition when we become the church at work for Christ, it all starts with you and I, collectively coming together, praying and working toward making the Lord's prayer real and meaningful. 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen!* Within that simple prayer is the very essence of Christian living, so simple and yet so arduously difficult. If we can make this prayer the prayer of our daily life, we shall never be without hope. Blessings!

Rev. Randy

Both our ACW (women's group) and our ACM (men's group) have resumed their regular monthly meetings soon. We want to issue an invitation to any of the ladies or the men to feel free to join in with the meetings, and to be part of the activities that they undertake throughout the year on behalf of the parish.

To those who hold keys to the building we want to stress the importance of ensuring the building is securely locked after every usage. As a rule, if you unlock a door please lock it after, even if someone else is in the building. Ensure all windows are closed and locked, all lights are out and the door locked. Not often, but occasionally a door gets left unlocked all through the night, so please be extra vigilant in securing the building.

Our choir and organists have resumed their weekly practices soon. If you have an interest in joining the choir we would love to have you. What a joy it would be to have enough in the choir to need to use the seats on the other side of the chancel. We welcome people of all ages.

We will be scheduling our Eucharistic Assistants again this Fall. Over three years ago, when the pandemic was declared, much of what we were doing got sidelined, such as the use of the common cup. Now that we are back to offering the common cup we would like to reactivate our EA list. If you were on the list and would like to continue, or you were not on the list but would like to do this, please let Rev. Randy know.

Canon Shirley continues to look after our Sunday readings and reader lists. In the past year we added a couple of new readers to the list, but would love to have even more. If you would like to be one of our readers on a Sunday morning please speak to Canon Shirley.

Altar Servers are needed. We welcome any young people in our congregation that would like to serve at the altar to please speak to Rev. Randy. Duties include things such as lighting and putting out the candles, carrying the cross, helping with Communion, etc. Canon Morgan did some extensive training with a group of adults as well in the past year, so we would like to get them involved in this ministry as well this year.

THE BULLETIN FOR THE Month of November

**IS GIVEN TO THE
GLORY OF GOD**

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Wilmeth Collis
(April 26, 1931 – November 6, 2000)**

Given by:

Debbie, Marie & Nicole



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Llewellyn and Gertie Dyke
Elsie, Walt & Leo Parrell
Louise, Lucy, Jose Cordova
Char. Feltham**

Given By:

John & Pheobe Parrell



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Parents-in-law & Grandparents
Gladys M. Clark & Edgar Clark Sr.
(Oct. 22, 1995 / Nov. 11, 1976)**

**Lovingly Remembered By:
Daughter-in-law - Joyce Clark
& Family**

NOTICES /MEMORABLE DATES

November 8 – ACW meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8th at 7:30 pm.

November 14 - Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00 pm in the boardroom.

November 19 – Confirmation classes will start on Sunday, November 19th. This first class will be a meeting with the kids and parents to gather the information we need for the registration, and to answer any questions parents might have. Rev. Randy suggests that parents and confirmands attend the 10:30 am morning service and then meet immediately after worship.

November 26 – Coffee Hour. Our next scheduled Coffee Hour is November 26th. The sponsors for this one had to reschedule for a later date, therefore, we are looking for a sponsor for the November 26th Coffee Hour. If this is something you would like to do please let Lisa Lake- Brown know by email at llake99@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

December 19 – Annual Christmas Tree of Remembrance will take place on Tuesday, December 19th at 7:00 pm. We will assemble at the church foyer, where Rev. Randy will read the names of those in whose memory the tree will be lit, there will be a prayer of remembrance, followed by the lighting of the tree. The forms for this can be found at the back of the church, and they should be returned on or before Sunday, December 15th.

Christmas Eve falls on Sunday this year, so our services will be as follows – 4:00 pm family worship and children participation, 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist and 11:00 pm Holy Eucharist. Please note that the usual Sunday morning worship will not occur on Christmas Eve. There will also be a 9:30 am service of Holy Communion on Christmas Day.

Thank you to Dawn Cheeseman & Ruth for hosting our Coffee Hour this past Sunday. We plan to do this every fourth Sunday. The next one is scheduled for November 26th.

ACW are selling tickets on several items, two walking sticks (good for walking the trails), a Christmas tree skirt and a large Christmas wreath. All items have been beautifully made by hand. Tickets are 3 for \$5.00

Any children interested in participating in the Christmas Eve Pageant are asked to register with our Sunday School. In the next couple of weeks, the program will be chosen and we hope to distribute the various parts shortly after. Our Sunday School meets every Sunday morning during the 10:30 am worship and we would love to have more children enrolled.

We are inviting musical participation for the 4:00 pm Family Service on Christmas Eve. We really enjoy the talent shared with us by young people and families as they play and/or sing at the Christmas service. If you would like to play and/or sing at the service please let Rev. Randy know.

Sunday School. We are asking all parents who would like to enrol their children to please speak to Rev. Randy, Lori Gosse or Stephanie Smith. We also are in need of parents to volunteer to help out as well. We hope to get everything up and going soon so that we can begin planning our Christmas Eve pageant.

Help needed in our Sound Room on Sunday mornings? There is a real need for volunteers to control the microphones, etc. during our morning services so that we have the right volume and everyone can hear what is being said. This would be a great thing for some of our young people to get involved with, they have lots of technical ability for sure. We would also like to get back to using our screens on a more regular basis as well. Speak to Rev. Randy about it.

Columbarium niches are still available for purchase. Approximately 39 of the 48 available have been sold since they were first installed in 2016. The cost is still \$3000 (no tax if purchased from the church, funeral home will charge tax) The plan is to install more of them once these are sold, however, the cost of future units will be determined by the cost of purchase and installation at that time. Anyone requiring more information about the columbarium is asked to speak to the Rector.

Our Food Bank boxes are still in the foyer and we welcome donations of non-perishable food items to be dropped into them. Once they are full we take them to the Pop-Up Pantry (food bank) at St. Lawrence's church.

We hope to end our church year on a good positive financial note. With only two months to go before the end of this year, the Rector and Vestry are asking all our parishioners to help us meet our 2023 financial goals by ensuring we receive all offerings by December 31st.

Parish Recycling program is something we are very proud of in our parish. This is a project taken on by our men's group (ACM) many years ago and still going strong. Residents of the town drop off their bottles and cans at several designated sites, our men pick it up and take it to the recycling trailer, where it gets sorted, counted and bagged every Monday night. Once we have enough its placed on a trailer and taken to the recycling depot in St. John's. In addition to keeping a lot of stuff out of the landfill, it brings much needed money into our parish budget. There is a need for extra volunteers that can spare about two hours on a Monday night (7-9 pm) to come along and help out. If you can do this, please speak to our ACM president, Gary King at 709-895-6239.

Maintenance Fund. The work we undertook this summer was possible because we had a very healthy maintenance fund, therefore, we did not need to borrow the money. Now that the work is done, we need to rebuild our fund again for future work that arises. We have been using the maintenance fund as well for the past 7 years to repay the loan we acquired to install the geo-thermal heating system. We are happy to say this will be paid off fully this coming November, for which we give thanks. We can't stress too much the importance of building up our maintenance fund, because it enables us to look after the physical structure of our building, so that necessary work gets done in a timely fashion because we have the money to do it. Please keep being generous with your contributions to our parish maintenance fund.

If you would like to receive the rector's messages, bulletins and other parish information from time-to-time please provide him with your email address by contacting him at the following address: lockyerrandy@gmail.com

Please check our parish Facebook page as well as our website for weekly updates. Any information we want to get out to our parishioners will be shared and please pass it along to others that may not be using this technology.

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November 5th

All Saints Day (Nov. 1st)

Scriptural Sentence

"They are before the throne of God, and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence."

1st Reading

Revelation 7: 9-17

Psalm 34: 1-10, 22

Pages: 744-746

(Joyce Keeping)

2nd Reading

1st John 3: 1-3

(Gary King)

Gospel

Matthew 5: 1-12

(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the mystical Body of your Son, grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts – Holy and mighty God, we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the lives of all his saints. Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like them, to run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion – Lord of hosts, we praise your glory reflected in your saints. May we who share at this table be filled with the job of your eternal kingdom, where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever. Amen

November 12th

Remembrance Day (Nov. 11th)

Scriptural Sentence

"Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming."

1st Reading

Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25

Psalm 78: 1-7

Pages: 806/811

(Ethel/Ches Barfitt)

2nd Reading

1st Thess. 4: 13-18

(Canon Shirley Gosse)

Gospel

Matthew 25: 1-13

(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Eternal God, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts – Gracious God, your word to us is food indeed. Receive all we offer you this day, and let your loving-kindness be our comfort, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word. Amen

Prayer after Communion – Living God, in the eucharist you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, and bring us to the joy you promise. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

November 19th

Scriptural Sentence

"I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit."

1st Reading

Judges 4: 1-7

Psalm 123

Pages: 883-884

(Dr. Greg Brown)

2nd Reading

1st Thess. 5: 1-11

(Betty Lewis)

Gospel

Matthew 25: 14-30

(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts – Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion – Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

November 26th

Reign of Christ Sunday

Scriptural Sentence

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!"

1st Reading

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100 - Page: 838

(Rev. Russell Osmond)

2nd Reading

Ephesians 1: 15-23

(Joan Osmond)

Gospel

Matthew 25: 31-46

(Deacon Ed Bonnell)

Collects & Prayers

Collect – Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts – Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion – Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen