

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN
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November 22, 2018



Happy Thanksgiving!

This Sunday:

9:30 am - Sunday School - Revelation 1:4b-8

10:45 am - Worship

Rev. Judith March Hardie preaching

Revelation 1:4b-8

Greetings from Pastor Judith



*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my life, my soul, my all.*

~"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," by Isaac Watts.

What's your *why*--your *reason* for giving? For some, it is gratitude, rooted in an experience of God's presence at a particularly difficult time; for some, a sense of obligation or responsibility for the welfare of others; and for some, giving grows from the desire to make a positive impact on the world.

All these reasons, as well as other motivations, are a part of giving and stewardship in our congregation, and in each of us. We all give, or don't give, for a variety of reasons. What unites us all is the reality that we give (or don't) in response to something-*what*?

The hymn (from 1707) speaks of the one thing that always elicits a response from me....God's love. Read through the Bible and you will encounter countless examples of God's love. God's love is the reason for the coming of Jesus Christ into the world. From the story of creation where God's love causes all things to come into being, to the vision of a new heaven and a new earth in Revelation, the spirit of love is spoken into this world and into my heart. Any biblical interpretation that opposes Love, in my book, contradicts the heart of God.

I am grateful that the God of Love in Jesus Christ is my only and gracious judge who creates and loves us each as we are. I know that there is much in our world, and even in the greater Church, that creates discord between us and boundaries around God's Love. Yet, I believe that once we pour out our hearts before God, Love can heal this discord, bridge these boundaries, and reveal God's Love to every hurting soul. And so, out of THANKFULNESS for the heart of God poured out for me--for the sake of LOVE, I give. That's my reason for giving. What's yours?

Grace and Peace, Judith

Advent is Coming Soon!

HELP! Please contact Pastor Judith if you would like to volunteer or have a suggestion for intergenerational families, couples or singles to light the candles of the Advent Wreath. Judith will prepare a small script that people of any age can handle.



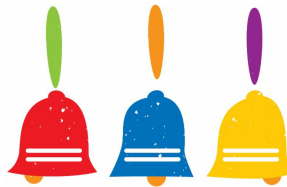


Also, please look in the Narthex for a sign-up sheet for the Advent Suppers (December 2, 9, and 16).

We want to get groups put together who will stay together, eating and visiting at different homes. So, if you would like to host a meal on one of the three dates, please let Pastor Judith know (You can put an asterisk by your name on the sign-up sheet). Do sign-up this week if you can. We will begin making calls next week. We are hoping no one is left out!

Christ is Coming! Hallelujah!

**Our Choir and Handbells
will play at Collin Street Bakery
Saturday, December 8, 1 - 2:30 pm
Come out & enjoy lunch & Christmas music!**



Prayers and Concerns

Prayers for those traveling, those spending time with family, and those who are not able to. Prayers for those in service, both home and abroad.



November 21, 22, & 23 - Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday

November 24 - You are invited to a 90th Birthday celebration for Willis McMahan in the Activities Center, 1-3pm. RSVP to Linda Heese at 717-3702. Please no gifts!

November 25 - Bikers pick up toy donations for Mission Waco Toy Store

November 27 - Presbyterian Women, 1 pm

November 28 - Adult Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 pm

Children's Music, 6 pm

Adult Handbell Rehearsal, 6:30 pm

Bible Buddies/ Youth, 6:45 pm

November 27 & 29 - Prayer Walkers, 5:30 pm. Meet at 1109 Charing Cross Dr. We will walk first, concluding with Body Flow (a hybrid of TaiChi and Yoga) and prayer. Bring a yoga mat or thick towel, if you have one.

December 2 - First Sunday of Advent, Hanging of the Greens

December 8 - Choir & Handbells will play at Collin Street Bakery, 1-2:30 pm

Celebrating Birthdays



Witten Williams - November 22

Willis McMahan - November 24

Quinn Rhoden - December 3

Andrew Bryngelson - December 12

Linda Williams - December 22

Melissa Rhoden - December 25

(We are missing many birthdays in our database; please let us know yours!
We need the year to enter the date in the database, but will never print it!)



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