



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Diane Cote - severe infection necessitated the amputation of her right leg above the knee; previously, her left leg was amputated to the knee; will be scheduled for rehab; prayers are appreciated as she makes this difficult change
- Leslie Denbow - left knee needs replacement surgery; experiencing nerve pain in right foot
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Retha Flack (Terry & Betty's Christian friend) - 2 blockages in heart; currently undergoing tests
- Richard Miles (Kathleen's nephew) - undergoing chemo & radiation to combat a rare sarcoma
- Brent Newton - suffered a minor stroke on 8/18; now home recovering and doing well
- Wayne Sampson - femoral bypass surgery on 11/18 to bypass an 8-inch blockage in his right leg went well; now home recuperating
- Henry Terrill - radiation treatments for prostate cancer are completed; being re-evaluated soon
- Karolyn Terrill - strength for daily routines and keeping her cooperative spirit with staff
- Hurricane Victims - prayers for those affected by the devastation brought on by these storms; many have lost everything, including loved ones
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today — the sick & suffering and those who are spiritually weak & struggling

*"I have called upon Thee, for Thou wilt hear me,
O God: incline Thine ear unto me
and hear my speech."*

(Psalm 17:6)

Thanksgiving Day



The first Thanksgiving was quite different from the one we celebrate in our day. After enduring many hardships—an extremely harsh winter, including much sickness and the deaths of about half the settlers—the Pilgrims were blessed the following year with a plentiful harvest. Because of this bounty, Governor William Bradford arranged a harvest festival to be held on December 13, 1621.

The primary purpose of the feast was to give thanks to God for blessings received. The festival lasted 3 days and included not only an abundance of food, but even games and a military review. Although this festival was very different from our Thanksgiving Day, we as a nation still observe it for the same reason—to give thanks to God for blessings we have received from His loving hand.

Beginning with George Washington, observance of a national day of thanksgiving had been mandated by individual presidential proclamations until 1941 when Congress decreed the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day, making it a federal holiday.

In his proclamation that year, President Franklin D. Roosevelt called it "a day to be observed in giving thanks to the Heavenly Source of our earthly blessings. On the day appointed for this purpose, let us reflect at our homes or places of worship on the goodness of God and in giving thanks."

Worthy sentiments, to be sure! But, if we're not careful, this wonderful holiday can become so filled with activity and the fellowship of family and friends, that we may forget to observe the great and noble purpose for which it was intended.

In Psalm 116:12, the Psalmist asks a profound question: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" Realizing all the many blessings we receive from the gracious hand of our loving Father, this would be an appropriate question for us to ponder.

The Psalmist's answer comes in verse 17: "I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the Lord." This year, as we observe this cherished holiday, let's be sure to take time to express our heartfelt thanks to God and show our sincere gratitude to Him by sharing some of what we have with others.

— Terry Schmidt ✍



"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

- Acts 16:30 -

- Hear the Gospel** - John 6:44-45; Rom 10:14,17
Believe [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31
 Heb 11:6
Repent of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30
Confess Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37;
 Rom 10:8-10
Be baptized - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16;
 1 Pet 3:21
Be faithful unto death - Mt 7:21; Rev 2:10



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

for **DECEMBER**

Preaching: Terry Schmidt
Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Opening Prayer: George Cuvellier

Scripture Reading: Louis Bureau

Lord's Supper:

Jim Miller (lead) & David Larrabee

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
 Jason Kennedy

Alternates: Mike Doucette/Wayne Sampson

Lord's Supper Prep: Betty Schmidt

☺ Welcome Visitors! ☺



Grant Soper — December 2nd
 Terry Schmidt — December 9th
 Brandon Kennedy — December 16th
 Catherine Cuvellier — December 28th



Terry & Betty — December 6th
 Mike & Donna — December 28th



“O give thanks unto the LORD; for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.” - Psalm 136:1

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 4,726
 This Month: 22,631



SNACKS!

Nov 24: Betty
 Dec 1: Jan

Attendance & Contribution

for November 17, 2024

Attendance — 22
 Contribution — \$655

Order of Worship

November 24, 2024

“Give unto the LORD the glory due unto His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.”

📖 - Psalm 29:2 - 📖

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Song—59

Opening Prayer: Louis Bureau

Song—27

Scripture Reading: Jim Miller
 ~ Psalm 138:1-2 ~

Song—119

The Lord’s Supper
 Jason Kennedy (lead) & Mike Doucette

Song—68

Sermon: Terry Schmidt
 “Thanksgiving—A Heartfelt Expression of Gratitude”

Song—545

Announcements & Closing Prayer
 George Cuvellier

Alternate: Wayne Sampson

Lord’s Supper Prep: Jan Sampson

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We love Him, because He first loved us.
 - 1 John 4:19 -

November 24, 2024

Meeting on the Lord’s Day:

9:30 am — Bible Class
 10:30 am — Worship

“Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”
 - Hebrews 10:24-25 -

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