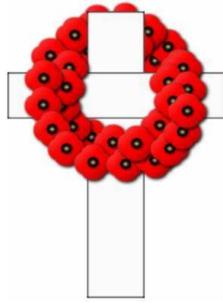


“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

November 20, 2022

WELCOME & CALL TO MINISTRY

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE *Here I am Lord* Daniel Schutte, arr. Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come! Let us gather in the presence of God

All: In God’s presence we find the community we seek.

One: Come, then as a new community, a family of God’s people, and sing the praises of God’s holy name

All: Our voices shout out our praise to God and our thankfulness of being once again surrounded by our chosen family.

One: The family is gathered. Come! Let us worship God!

All: Amen! Let us worship God!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: We are invited to receive a love greater than we can understand. Let us remember and share that love with one another in a greeting of peace. The peace of Christ be with you all

All: And also with you.

One: All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

GLORIA PATRI*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

One: Into the peace of God we commend our loved ones who have departed this life. Grateful for their lives and confident of their eternal rest in God, let us pause in silence to remember the fullness of their devotion.

Reading of the names (see list below)

One: In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them.

All: In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.

One: In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.

All: In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.

One: In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.

All: In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.

One: When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.

All: When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.

One: When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.

All: So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.

One: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

All: looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Amen.

HYMN* *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* #718

INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

O God, who gives us strength when we feel weak, we gather to hear your Word, sing your songs, and give you praise. We know that you are always with us, and we are grateful. Help us to live our lives in ways that show you are near. Thank you for your presence and constant care for us—in worship, and in each day of our lives. Amen.

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Choral Response

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 95:1–7

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Call to Offering

Offertory *A Thanksgiving Garden* Joseph M. Martin

Song of Presentation*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer and Blessing of Our Prayer Shawls*

O God of all gifts, we join with Jesus in proclaiming the year of your favor. Bless our gifts and bless us as we seek to bring joy and comfort to those who are unknown to us, and to those who are near and beloved. Amen.

HYMN* *All Things Bright and Beautiful* #61

Church School children will process to the Parish House during the second verse

SCRIPTURE READING Nehemiah 8:1-3; 5-6; 8-10

SERMON *Remembering: A Gift Given to Community*

Choral Response

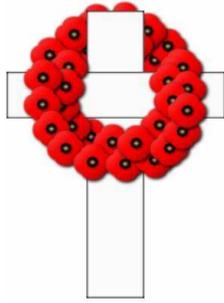
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN* *Now Thank We All Our God* #540

BENEDICTION* - spoken and sung

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. John A. Behnke

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of:

Tom Ahern
Dick & Ginny Armstrong
James L. Bueide
Vi (Elvira) & Clarence Burden
Clifford Chapin
Glenn S. Curtiss
Rutledge W. Curtiss
Rosemary & Carl DallaRiva
Ray & Mimi Detwiler
Lawrence "Papaw" Edwards
Margie & John Farrelly
Josephine Fowler
Richard Fowler
Stephen Fowler
Art & Vivian Honey
Ann Klueg
Ethel Kranepool
Emma McKittrick
Jerry McGiver
Mary O'Brien Sculley
Lillian E. Strain
John E. Strain
John H. Strain
Evelyn Taylor York
Gerald York

Given by:

Ross & Sharon Detwiler
Ross & Sharon Detwiler
Bueide Family
Doris Curtiss
Sally Spring Rinehart
Doris Curtiss
Doris Curtiss
Barbara McGiver
Ross & Sharon Detwiler
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Barbara McGiver
James & Judith York
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Ross & Sharon Detwiler
Barbara McGiver
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Barbara McGiver
John Sculley & Family
Barbara McGiver
Barbara McGiver
Barbara McGiver
James & Judith York
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A.RUSSELL AYRE SCHOLARSHIP REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of:

Linda Tucker
Toky VanAsch VanWyck
The Wells Family

Given by:

Tom Tucker
Maurits & Martin VanAsch VanWyck
Fred & Marion Warman

THIS SUNDAY

Welcome and thank you for joining us in-person or via live stream today. **Coffee Hour:** Please join us for coffee/tea and light refreshments for a time of fellowship after worship service. Please note that Coffee hour will be held in Fellowship Hall until further notice. The double metal doors will be propped open downstairs for those who have a hard time with the stairs and would like to come in from the outside.

Thank you to Rev. Carolyn Young for joining us today.

Fall Clean up: Thanks to Cary Westfall, Hannah Albright, Meg Wittmann, Regina Cue, Jace Reichen, Diane Taylor, Dave Somerville, Mary Eherts, Joan Vill, & Leslie Schlemmer.

They're Here: Chocolate advent calendars for your little ones will be on sale at coffee hour!

Church Council Meeting Monday November 21, 2022, at 6:30 in person in the Taylor Room. All are welcome to join us.

Hanging of the Greens: All volunteers are welcome to help the flower committee decorate the sanctuary for advent. We will decorate Saturday, **November 26 at 10am**. We hope to see you then!

Advent Study "The Women of Christmas; experience the season afresh with Elizabeth, Mary and Anna." Four Monday afternoons 11/28, 12/5, 12/12 and 12/19 at 1pm. Open to all with a chat option for those who would like to participate but are not available during the day. Join us for a time of Faith and Fellowship. For more information and to RSVP please see Leslie or email news@nmchurch.org.

You're Invited: Women's Ministry will meet on **December 6 at 7pm** for wine, cheese, and fellowship. We will have drinks, snacks, and crafts. Please bring a wrapped book for an exchange and RSVP to Nicole by December 1.

Newsletter: Sign up for our e-mail newsletter today. Just text FCCNEWS to 22828 or email news@nmchurch.org

Sunday bulletin information and announcements are due **Tuesday by noon** each week. Please email communicationsgroup@nmchurch.org. **Thank** you!

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