



November 17, 2024 – Livestream
Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darren Cushman Wood

SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRIES

Advent Festival

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

O Worship the King

arr. N. Harmon

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome to the sanctuary of the Savior,

People: our shelter from the storm and refuge from the strife.

Leader: Come and find peace in the temple of the Redeemer.

People: One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek:

to live in the house and delight in the beauty of God all our days.

*OPENING HYMN #577

God of Grace and God of Glory

***God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.***

***Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.***

***Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.***

***Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.***

OPENING PRAYER

**Keep the Church, O Lord, in your perpetual mercy,
and because we are so very frail and will fall without your help,
keep us from all that harms
and lead us to all that brings your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CAROLERS' ANTHEM

Song of Joyful Praise

B. Slagle Mayo
Denise Page Caraher, director
James Caraher, piano

For the beauty of the earth, for the wonder of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our song of joyful praise!

For the quiet of the night, for the glory of the days,
For the moon and stars of light, Lord, we lift our hearts in praise.

For the joy of life and love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.
Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our song of joyful praise!

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 27

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh they shall stumble and fall.

**People: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.**

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**People: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple.**

Leader: For the Lord will shelter me in the day of trouble;

**People: I will find shelter under the cover of God's tent,
and the Lord will set me high on a rock.**

Leader: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,

**People: and I will offer in God's tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

Leader: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

**People: 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek God's face!'
Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.**

Leader: Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

**People: Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!
If my parents forsake me, the Lord will take me up.**

Leader: Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

**People: Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.**

Leader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

People: Wait for the Lord;

**be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beth Coffey

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 8:22-30

²² Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in front of the entire community of Israel. He lifted his hands toward heaven, ²³ and he prayed, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in all of heaven above or on the earth below. You keep your covenant and show unfailing love to all who walk before you in wholehearted devotion. ²⁴ You have kept your promise to your servant David, my father. You made that promise with your own mouth, and with your own hands you have fulfilled it today.

²⁵ "And now, O Lord, God of Israel, carry out the additional promise you made to your servant David, my father. For you said to him, 'If your descendants guard their behavior and faithfully follow me as you have done, one of them will always sit on the throne of Israel.' ²⁶ Now, O God of Israel, fulfill this promise to your servant David, my father.

²⁷ "But will God really live on earth? Why, even the highest heavens cannot contain you. How much less this Temple I have built! ²⁸ Nevertheless, listen to my prayer and my plea, O Lord my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is making to you today. ²⁹ May you watch over this Temple night and day, this place where you have said, 'My name will be there.' May you always hear the prayers I make toward this place. ³⁰ May you hear the humble and earnest requests from me and your people Israel when we pray toward this place. Yes, hear us from heaven where you live, and when you hear, forgive.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

***Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.***

***Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

***Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]***

***Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Brandon Wallace

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

**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. Amen.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE #2224

Make Us One

***Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you.***

MOMENT FOR GENEROSITY

Harvesting Hope

James Semmelroth Darnell

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Darren Cushman Wood

OFFERTORY

Jesus Loves Me

arr. B. Olstad

Cheri Brightman, soprano saxophone

*DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2:17-22

¹⁷So Christ came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In Christ Jesus the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Sanctuary of Hope

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

***Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.***

***We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.***

***When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.***

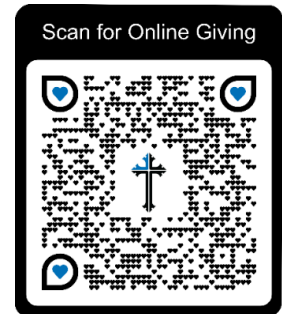
*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Great God, We Sing that Mighty Hand

arr. R. Speed

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Upcoming Events:

LGBTQ+ Fellowship, November 19, 6:00pm
at The Garage Food Hall (906 Carrollton Ave)

UWF Pie Pick-Up, November 24

Thanksgiving Eve Service, November 27, 7:00pm

Advent Festival, December 1, 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Youth Progressive Dinner, December 15

**This week's worship
leaders:**

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Senior Pastor

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Minister of Christian Education

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John Hague, Allen McCormack
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