

*The United Methodist Church of Libertyville
Gratitude and Generosity, November 20, 2016*

Traditional Service ~ 9:30 am

Greetings and Announcements (Please pass the attendance pads at this time.)
We welcome you to our service today and invite you to greet each other with words of grace and peace. May God's blessing be upon us all as we worship together in spirit and truth.

Prelude "Give Thanks" J. Raney
Heritage Bells

*** Call To Worship** Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams
Leader The Creator of all life and love has endowed our earth with bountiful blessings.
People God has created humanity to share in the wonder and joy of those blessings.
Leader All thanks be to God, Give and Receiver of all that is good.
People We return to God portions of what God has given us: our time, the fruits of our labors, our commitment.
Leader May the giving from the fullness of our lives be acceptable in God's sight.
People May the gifts we offer in this time of worship prove God's Rule is at hand - both now and to come.
All Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Amen

***Hymn of Celebration** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" No. 694

Unison Prayer
We come into your presence with thanks, Creator God, for all that fills our lives with joy: the love of family and friends, the comfort of our homes, the challenge of work, the delight of leisure. Forgive us that too often we have taken all these for granted, failing to see them as your gifts. In this time of worship, stretch our understanding. Teach us to live in the world with faithfulness to your vision and intention for the world, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

First Scripture Reading Psalm 138 Anita Reed

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

** Please consider completing a "Joys and Concerns" card and placing it in the box at the back of Fellowship Hall.

Contemporary Service ~ 11:00 am

Anthem "I Will Give Thanks" J. Martin
Adult Choir

Community Sharing
In this season of Thanksgiving, we invite you to take a moment and write on the autumn leaf in your bulletin one or two things for which you are most grateful, during the past year.

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn of Preparation** "Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart" See Screen

Scripture Reading Luke 17:11-19

Sermon "A Grateful Heart" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Offering Our Commitments and Gifts to God "And Can It Be That I Should Gain?"
As the baskets are passed this morning, we will be receiving our morning offering, our 2017 Financial Commitments, and our leaves of gratitude. Thank you for your faithful giving.
* Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn of Dedication** "Now Thank We All Our God" No. 102

***Pastoral Benediction**

Postlude "Now Thank We All Our God" J. S. Bach



A Warm Welcome to All!

We are so glad you have chosen to share with us in worship this morning! All are invited to stay after the service for coffee, refreshments, and sharing in the Community Room.
If you are visiting for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Desk at the East entrance to the church to pick up a Visitor Packet and meet our welcoming Ministries Coordinator, Joyce Bedell (Joyce.Bedell@umcl.org) We look forward to meeting you!

Gathering Song "Great Things (Worth It All)" C. Cartee and S. Furtick

Prayer

Worship Together "I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)" Shane & Shane

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Announcements & Greeting Each Other

Community Share & Prayer
Sharing Our Gratitude
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Sing Together "Give Thanks" D. Moen

Scripture Luke 17:11-19

Message "A Grateful Heart" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Offertory Worship "This Is Amazing Grace" Bethel Music
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Blessing



Many thanks to the following people for helping with our services this morning!

9:30 Sound Techs: Mark Mason, Janet Mason, Daniel Fouts
Ushers: Jane & John Aten, Bob Kowal, and Clem Vath
Choir Director: Dr. Jeff Brown **Music Director & Organist:** Mr. James Grace
11:00 Worship Team: Woody Bedell, Gina Furner, Ben Hallett, Dan Joyce
Multimedia Coordinators: Laurie Kaya & Mark Mason
Head Usher: Jayden Montgomery **Director of Contemporary Worship:** Ben Hallett

Psalm 138

I give thanks to you with all my heart, Lord.
I sing your praise before all other gods.
I bow toward your holy temple
and thank your name
for your loyal love and faithfulness
because you have made your name and word
greater than everything else.
On the day I cried out, you answered me.
You encouraged me with inner strength.
Let all the earth's rulers give thanks to you, Lord,
when they hear what you say.
Let them sing about the Lord's ways
because the Lord's glory is so great!
Even though the Lord is high,
he can still see the lowly,
but God keeps his distance from the arrogant.
Whenever I am in deep trouble,
you make me live again;
you send your power against my enemies' wrath;
you save me with your strong hand.
The Lord will do all this for my sake.
Your faithful love lasts forever, Lord!

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."



GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY—Today is **Celebration and Commitment Sunday** for our fall Stewardship Campaign, Gratitude and Generosity. Thank You for all you have given and plan to give! We hope you will stay and enjoy the special **Thanksgiving Coffee** sponsored by the Resource Committee. Many Thanks to Ruth Ross, Laurie Letts, Jan Grigsby, DeLynn Vang, and other volunteers who have helped with the Stewardship Campaign this year!

BAKE SALE FOR PANAMA MISSION: The annual bake sale to raise money for scholarships for our Panama students is TODAY! Thank you for stopping by the Community Room to purchase an apple pie or another delicious treat to support our work.

CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING by attending the **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** this afternoon at **4:00 PM** at Advocate Condell Centre Club in Libertyville. During this celebration, prayers, sacred readings, and music from various religions will be offered. Food, fellowship and displays will follow at **5:00 PM**. This service is organized by area faith communities and Condell Medical Center **ADVENT STUDIES!** Sign up TODAY to be part of one of these Advent Studies. Advent begins Sunday, November 27th!

"From Holidays To Holy Days" based on the book by Albert Holtz

- ~ Sunday Afternoons @ 4:00 pm, starts November 27, with Kathy Locke
- ~ Friday Mornings during Advent at Spring Meadows (led by Karen Kuhlman)
- ~ Thursday Evenings @ 7:00 pm, starts Dec. 1, with Jim Stewart

"Christ In The Chaos"

- ~ Class created and led by Kara Lehnardt Sunday mornings at 10:30 am, December 4, 11, & 18th

A GIFT FOR ADVENT—CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS We ask you to put yourself in the shoes of the 3 Wise Men and consider what you would 'GIFT' to Jesus this year. We are especially hopeful you will choose to give Jesus more of your time and take part in the many discussions we are offering for Advent this year. Please visit the Spiritual Growth table in front of the office window to pick up your TWO Gift for Advent ornaments and an info sheet that will have your instructions. One of your ornaments will hang on our Christmas Tree starting November 27th.

CHRISTMAS PARTNER ANGELS will be available at church today. The Blessing of Gifts will take place on Sunday, December 11th, and the gifts will be delivered the following week. You will be able to choose to purchase a gift card or gifts for children. Gifts are delivered to Eddie Washington Center, The Haven, The Harbor Thank you for joining in making this a Merry Christmas for many children and adults! Questions? Contact Jeris Boyce.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE OPENS NEXT WEEKEND Boy Scout Troop 72 will be selling Christmas Trees, wreaths and garlands. The sale is from Friday November 25th through Saturday December 17th. Please come and support the Boy Scouts!

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS will be held at the Velez residence at 145 Trailwood Lane, Northbrook, IL 60062 at 6:30pm on December 2nd. There will be a cookie exchange, appetizers and drinks. Please Rsvp to Gayla Velez at 847 687-5523 or paulandgayla@att.net



UMCL News & Notes Continued

HELPING HANDS Our next pick up will be Saturday December 3rd. We are in need of family room, dining room and bedroom furniture that is in very good condition. We are also in need of other household items for the kitchen and bathroom. Please call John McNally 847-401-5504

ADVENT TEA Please join us for the 6th Annual UMW Advent Tea to be held on Sunday, December 4th at 3:00 in Fellowship Hall. This will be a joyous afternoon to celebrate the season. Child care will be provided. If you would like to help with the planning we would love to have you join us. Mickey Donahue (847-703-0007) Tickets for sale today.

PRIME TIME will meet Monday, December 5 at noon. Lunch (\$5) will be served at **noon**. December is time for our 'White Elephant' exchange... wrap up that item around the house you no longer want or the gift you received last December! Where else can you give a gift that cost you zero \$, receive an interesting gift in return and socialize with friends! PLEASE remember to make a reservation with the church office before Thursday, December 1 at 10:00 AM.

FAITH CIRCLE Join us on Thursday, December 8th at 9:30 am. We will be having a Christmas gift exchange and providing brunch. Childcare is provided. For more information call Andrea West at 847-356-3846

BLUE CHRISTMAS is a service of remembrance for those suffering with pain, loss, isolation and grief in the holiday season. By offering this service, we acknowledge the struggles that we face, while providing a safe place of peace. Service on Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 in the Sanctuary. We invite you to join us for this service. Please contact Mary Spooner (847-548-3703), Kathy Locke (847-816-6841), Kevin Garren(847-816-7340) or the Pastors for information.

RUTH CIRCLE will hold their annual pot luck dinner at 6:00 on Wednesday evening, December 14th at the home of Sandy Palmer (920 Bedford Lane, Libertyville, 1-847-680-3026) Please call Sandy to RSVP and let her know what dish you will be contributing. Join us for this celebration of the season and a wonderful evening of fellowship.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will have their Christmas meeting on December 20th at 11:30 in fellowship hall. This will be a pot luck lunch but if you can't bring something please come anyway. We will have a sharing time. If you have a special holiday memory, or an ornament or anything else you would like to share please bring it. Any questions call Shirley Mason 847-362-0523.

OUR 5TH ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY will be held on Sunday, December 18 at 6:00 PM in Cook Park. The children and youth of our church will reenact the birth story of Jesus. Complete with our own choir of angels, live animals and, for the first time, a real baby Jesus! Concluding the performance everyone is invited to our church to enjoy some cocoa, coffee and cookies

HELP NEEDED If you are interested in helping with set design, set-up, lighting or sound please contact Amanda at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org. Many hands make light work!

CALLING ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH (3rd to 12th grade) we need stars on our Live Nativity stage! Some characters have speaking parts while others just put on their best smile and act. If anyone is interested in being a part of this Christmas event, please contact Amanda Seibert.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS - Families are encouraged to take home "Look Around the Manger" devotional for the Advent season. Please pick up this interactive booklet and manger scene in the Ed Wing outside of the B.I.G. Room.

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 20, 2016

8:00 AM—Cornerstone
8:15 AM—Explorers Class
9:00 AM—Bake Sale
9:00 AM—Coffee Time
9:00 AM—Choristers
9:30 AM—Journey of Faith
9:30 AM— Traditional Service
9:30 AM— B.I.G. Time
11:00 AM— Contemporary Service
11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship
4:00 PM—Confirmation
4:00 PM—Racial Justice
6:30 PM—Senior High Youth

Monday, November 21, 2016

10:00 AM—Lectio—Offsite
7:00 PM—Inquirers
7:30 PM—Troop 72 Meeting

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

8:45 AM—Memos
9:30 AM—Women's S. G.— Offsite
12:00 PM— AA/Living Free
7:30 PM— AA/Living Free

Wednesday, November 23, 2016

12:00 PM—Office Closes

Thursday, November 24, 2016

Thanksgiving Day
12:00PM—Living Free/AA
Friday, November 25, 2016

11:00 AM—Johnson Memorial Service
12:00 PM—Johnson Luncheon

Saturday, November 26, 2016

12:00 PM—Praise Band
4:30 PM—PADS

Sunday, November 27, 2016

8:00 AM—Cornerstone
8:15 AM—Explorers Class
9:00 AM—Bake Sale
9:00 AM—Coffee Time
9:00 AM—Choristers
9:30 AM—Journey of Faith
9:30 AM— Traditional Service
9:30 AM— B.I.G. Time
11:00 AM— Contemporary Service
11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship
4:00 PM—Confirmation
4:00 PM—Holidays to Holy Days
6:30 PM—Senior High Youth

Monday, November 28, 2016

10:00 AM—Lectio
7:00 PM—Inquirers
7:30 PM—Troop 72 Meeting

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

12:00 PM— AA/Living Free
7:00 PM—SPRC Meeting
7:30 PM— AA/Living Free

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

9:30 AM—Staff Meeting
7:00 PM—Nominating Meeting
7:00 PM—Advent Tea Meeting
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide

Thursday, December 1, 2016

12:00PM—Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—Holidays to Holy Days
7:30 PM—Choir

Friday, December 2, 2016

No Scheduled Activities

Saturday, December 3, 2016

8:00 Men-s Bible Study
10:30 AM—Youth S.S. Training
12:00 PM—Praise Band
4:30 PM—PADS

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