



Silent Meditation

The reign of Jesus isn't over territory or peoples but over the "*truth to which people belong.*"

~ Scott Black Johnston

It is unwise to be too sure of one's own wisdom. It is healthy to be reminded that the strongest might weaken and the wisest might err.

~Mahatma Gandhi

All great and honorable actions are accompanied with great difficulties, and must be enterprised and overcome with answerable courages. It was granted the dangers were great, but not desperate; the difficulties were many, but not invincible . . . and all of them, through the help of God, by fortitude and patience, might either be borne or overcome.

~ William Bradford, describing the Mayflower voyage

**HOLY COVENANT UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY ~ ANNUAL MEETING**

November 20, 2016

10:55 AM

Gathering Music

Jared Fischer

Welcome and Announcements ✕

Nancy Ellett Allison

One: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

*(Please pass the friendship pads so that all worshippers
have the opportunity to sign them)*

Hospitality Thanksgivings

Michael Hall

Opening Voluntary

Jared Fischer

Report of Abundance (Community Garden, B&G)

Joe McLelland

* Words of Preparation

Joe McLelland

One: God has called all of us here beloved.

Many: **We are given new names of hope and promise.**

One: Even though storms and trials assail us,

Many: **God draws us through to the time of salvation.**

One: Thanks be to God for God's victory in Jesus Christ!

Many: **May the Living Christ reign in our hearts all of our days.**

* Passing of the Peace

Joe McLelland

One: Let us now greet one another as a sign of God's peace, for the
peace of Christ is here to stay.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

** All rise in body or spirit ☩ Sing Response ✕ Hymnals located below pews*

* Hymn 422

"Come, O Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Come, O thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in
As the winter storms begin;
God our Maker does provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.

All the blessings of the field,
All the stores the gardens yield,
All the fruits in full supply,
Ripened `neath the summer sky,
All that spring with bounteous hand
Scatters o'er the smiling land,
All that liberal autumn pours
From its rich o'erflowing stores.

These to you, our God, we owe,
Source from whom all blessings flow;
And for these our songs we raise,
Grateful vows and solemn praise,
Come, then, thankful people come,
Raise the song of harvest home;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.

Children's Offering & Message Jean Raley-Dennis & Nancy Ellett Allison
"Room In The Inn"

(Following the Children's Message, pre-schoolers may go to extended care and those in kindergarten through fifth grade to Children's Church.)

Music & Worship Witness

Kathleen Smith

Anthem

"We Gather Together"

Arr. Humble; re-orchestration, Judah L. Jones

Sopranos: Lisa Cloninger, Judah Jones, Kathleen Smith

Altos: Terry Raley-Dennis, Meg Houlihan, Karen Long, Sally Young

Chimes: Alice Phelan

Prayers of the People

Gregg Walker

Report on Sharon Road Property

Renee Brown

* Gospel Lesson

Luke 23:32-43

Renee Brown

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Jesus. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding Jesus and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

One: May we hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Many: Thanks be to God. Open our ears, our hearts, our minds.

Sermon & Pastor's Report "Guilt & Forgiveness" Nancy Ellett Allison

Report from Personnel Diane Tugel

Neighbors in Need & Offertory Invitation Diane Tugel

Offertory Music "Now Thank We All Our God" NUN DANKET

φ **Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices
Who wondrous things hath wrought, who through the world rejoices
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**All praise and thanks to God the Maker now be given,
To Christ and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

* Offertory Dedication Diane Tugel

* Hymns of Thanksgiving

*(Those not able to remain for the Annual Meeting
are welcome to exit now.)*

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving,
To God the creator, triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.

Great laws, God enforces, the stars in their courses
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Christ divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a Song let us raise.

Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"

This is the day, (Echo) This is the day,
That the Lord has made, That the Lord has made.
I will rejoice, I will rejoice
And be glad in it, And be glad in it!

This is the day, that the Lord has made.
I will rejoice and be glad in it!
This is the day; this is the day that the Lord has made!

I will enter his courts with thanksgiving in my heart
Enter his courts with praise
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made
I will rejoice for he has made me glad
He has made me glad, he has made me glad
I will rejoice for he has made me glad

HOLY COVENANT UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ANNUAL MEETING

Call to Order
Establishment of Quorum
Approval of Minutes
President's Report
Nominations for Consistory Class of 2019
Missions & Justice
Long Range Planning Report
South Charlotte Ministry Team
Endowment Fund Establishment & Vote
Sanctuary Sound System Report
Treasurer's Report & Proposed Budget for 2017
New Business
Acknowledgement of Committees

Consistory President, Robbie Furr

Adjourn for Lunch

Thank You, Hospitality Team!

* Benediction

Nancy Ellett Allison

Postlude

Jared Fischer

*No matter who you are
or where you are on your journey,
you are welcome here!*

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOLY COVENANT

WELCOME TO HOLY COVENANT

We welcome all who worship with us at Holy Covenant. Guests and members, we invite you to sign our friendship pads so that we may have a record of your worshipping with us and be in touch with you during the week. Members, please indicate any changes in your contact information.

COOKBOOK RECIPES LUNCH FOLLOWING ANNUAL MEETING

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Blessings abound during this season of Thanksgiving! Our goal has been reached with pledges received from 66 family units pledging towards the General Fund, or \$189,000.00. Each pledge, like grains of sand to make a great beach, matters greatly for the missions and work of our church. We are grateful for the many new pledges, and the generosity of all at Holy Covenant.

SANDWICH MINISTRY- HUNGER TAKES NO HOLIDAY!

This eager, motivated, and skilled group of volunteers will gather **November 19th at 10 AM** at the Harris Campus to create 100 hardy, healthy sandwiches to feed our less fortunate homeless neighbors. Join us **Wednesday, November 23rd at 9:30 AM** at the Sharon Campus for our culminating build before relocating to SouthPark Christian for our December south Charlotte build.

HOLY COVENANT ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Our holiday bazaar will be Sunday, December 4 with a Wine and Cheese Preview Party on Saturday, December 3, 4pm-7pm. If you are interested in selling your creative gifts at our bazaar, please let Debbie Davis *TODAY* so we can reserve a table for you. This event has been a successful activity during the holiday season for the past several years and we hope you can join us in selling your wares! Twenty percent of sales will benefit the Guatemala Missions Fund.

HOLY COVENANT TO HOST ROOM IN THE INN **ON SECOND SUNDAYS**

December 11, January 8, February 12, March 12

Please check the signup sheet in the Gathering Room...there are many ways you can help to welcome our neighbors in need.

BOOK CLUB GATHERING-NEW LOCATION

Beginning Monday, December 12 at 11am, join us at SouthPark Christian Church, 6650 Park South Drive, in Charlotte for a discussion of Graham Moore's *Last Days of Night*. Next selection for January 9, *Only Yesterday: An Informal History of 1920s in America*, by Frederick Lewis Allen. All are welcome!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Sojourners are continuing to enjoy lively discussions of the book *The End of White Christian America*. We'll be talking about "Family: Gay Marriage and White Christian America." Subsequent chapters include "Race: Desegregating White Christian America" and "A Eulogy for White Christian America." Join us if you can--all are welcome.

The office will be closed November 24 & 25.

We give thanks for each of you this season & always.

SEARCHING FOR THE GIFT FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS "EVERYTHING"? 2016 COOKBOOK ~ CELEBRATING 100 YEARS RAISING FUNDS FOR MISSIONS

Our Holy Covenant 2016 Cookbook will be available for purchase on November 20th and December 3rd and 4th. The commemorative cookbook contains 350 of our church member recipes and will make wonderful Christmas presents for family and friends for the bargain of \$15. Funds raised will go towards our Guatemala Missions work.

WE COULDN'T PROVIDE OUR WARM WELCOME WITHOUT THE HELP OF:

Elder for November: Phil Kaveler

Greeters: Marylou Iantosca, Shirley Moder

Media: Brian Hankins

Ushers: Kim Cobb, Scottie Foster, Barry Holcomb, Sue Pascucci

Recycler: Lynn Chavarria

Tabulators: Lori Cipot, Terry Raley-Dennis

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members

Leanne Bushman, who has recently been moved to Hospice Care
Gail Bushman, Charlotte Carbone, Tina Ettesen, Ginny & Bob Fisher,
Marianne Gannon, Diane Garvey, Helen Lambert, Karen Long, Irene
Mikkelson, Terry Parrish, Yami Senturias, Sheryl Stogner, Kathleen Wagner

Friends & Family Members

Family of Silvia Hedrick (Barb Schneller)

Rose Bouchonville (John Maze), Matthew Christian, (Beth Sharp), CD &
Alice Huskins (Jared Fischer), John Jacobsen (Holly Middleton), Aaron
Johnson (Joy Johnson), Ashley Jones (Annette Shoop), Urban Linn (Julie
McLelland), Bob Lyon (Melissa Noll), Carrie McLelland (Joe McLelland),
Sarah Mitchell (Scottie Foster), Pat & JoAnn Murphey (Laura Murphey), Luz
Soto (Aida Marcial), Tommy Simpson (Cynthia Simpson)

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