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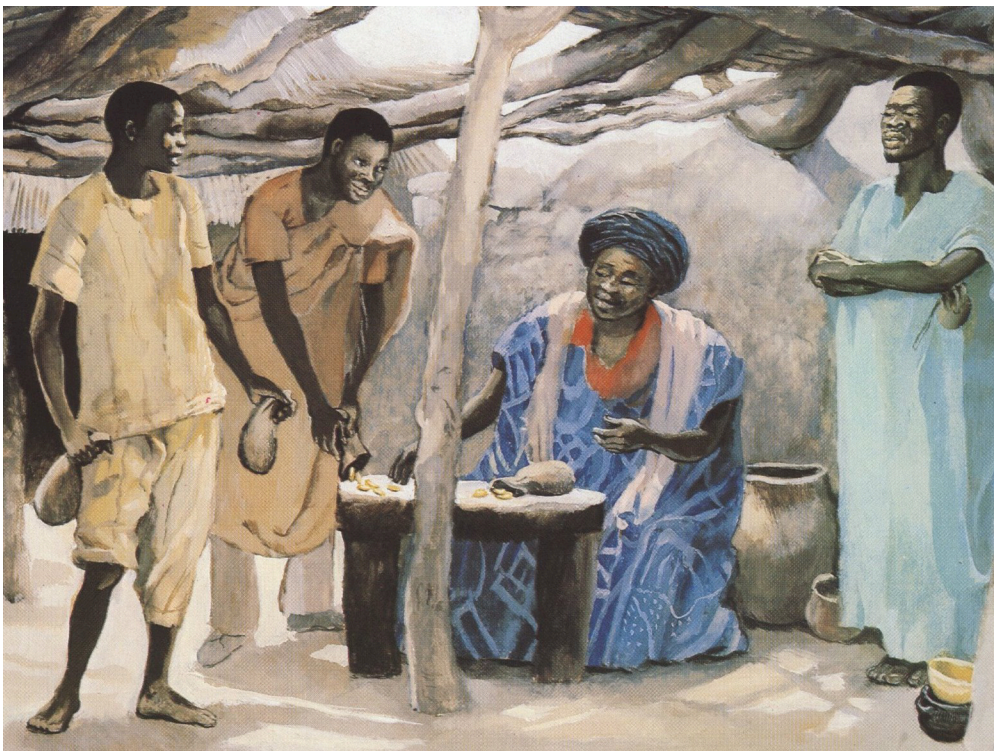

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November 19, 2023

The Order for Morning Worship

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023 — Ten-Thirty O'Clock

**At these moments, we invite you to stand in body or spirit*

Please silence all electronic devices prior to the service

Nursery is available in the Children's area on the lower level.
Children's church (age 3–5th grade) is available after the Children's sermon

Assemble in God's Name

Voluntary "In Thee Is Gladness" — Sondra Tucker
Christ Church Ringers

Worship and Welcome Notes

Call to Worship

People: **Clothe yourselves with faith and love; be confident in your salvation in Christ Jesus. The Lord is with us!** *1 Thess. 5:8*

Leader: Let us worship God.

***Hymn #4** "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" — Grosser Gott

***Prayer of the Day (*in unison*)**

God of righteousness, *Ps. 123:1–4;*
you overcome those who abuse their power *Matt. 25:23*
and lift up those who suffer.
Even now, when evil seems to hold sway,
we know that you will have the last word.
Keep us faithful as we wait and watch for your coming realm,
when you will welcome all your children
into your kingdom of justice, peace, and love. Amen.

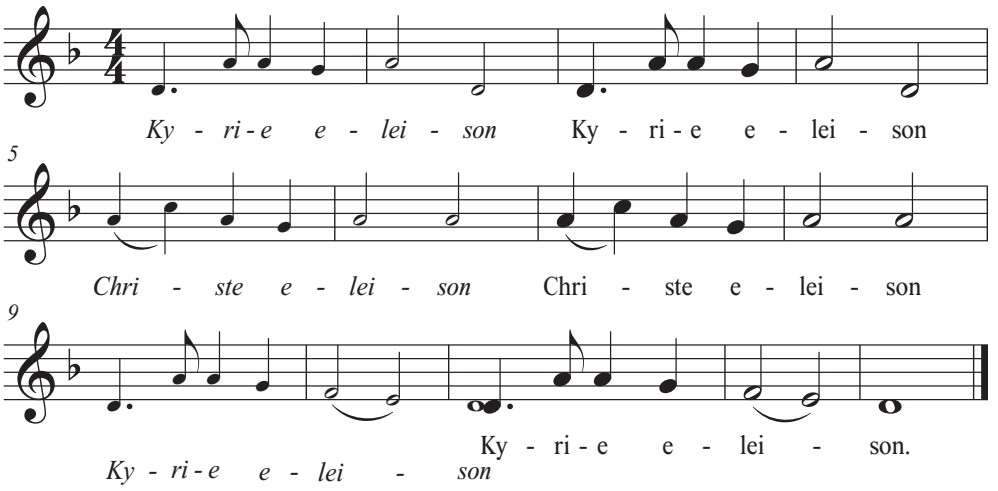
Call to Confession

God has not destined us for wrath, *1 Thess. 5:9–10*
but for salvation in Jesus, who died for us.
Confident in God's mercies, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Almighty God, *Ps. 123:1–4*
you have shown us the ways of justice
and nurtured us with love.
Even so, we have not lived according to your will.
When we are oppressed or unjustly accused,
we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance.
When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others,
we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws.
Have mercy on us, Lord,
for we are weak and prone to disobedience.
Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness,
that we might turn to you again,
walk in the light, and live in equity and peace;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Kyrie John Bell



***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Children of light, *1 Thess. 5:5*
because we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ,
we need not fear.
Believe the promise of your baptism:
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Gloria: Hymn #583** Gloria (Taizé)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Children are now invited to come forward.

Listen for God's Word Read and Proclaimed

Message for Children

Following the children's message, children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to follow the teachers out the pulpit-side door for Kids' Church. They can be picked up in the lower level following the service.

Prayer for Illumination

Shine your light on your Word, O Lord;
by your Spirit let us see your wonder.
Open our eyes, unstop our ears, and show us your most excellent way;
for Jesus' sake. **Amen**.

Hebrew Reading *"Deborah, a Prophet"* Judges 4:1–7
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible pp. 191–92
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible p. 273

Psalm 123 "Up to You I Lift My Eyes" The Call
see insert

Epistle Reading *"The Day Is Coming"* 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible pp. 960–61
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible p. 250

Gospel Reading *"The Parable of the Talents"* Matthew 25:14–30
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible pp. 805–6
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible pp. 34–35

Sermon Rev. Dave de Vries

"Entrusted Servant"
"For it as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them"

Our Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed,* p. 35

Prayers of the People *and* the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem "Achieved Is the Glorious Work" Franz Josef Haydn
Achieved is the glorious work;
our song let be the praise of God
Glory to his name forever.
He sole on high exalted reigns.
Hallelujah.

***Doxology** Lasst Uns Erfreuen
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below, Alleluia alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia…alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)**
For all that you are and all that you do,
we give you thanks,
our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
We wait in hope for the coming of your realm
and offer these gifts to further your kingdom on earth;
in Jesus' name. Amen.

Re-entry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Hymn #687** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" St. Anne

***Benediction**
Response: "May the Love Of the Lord" Soon Ti

Voluntary "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Robert Hobby

Daily Grace
CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship
The Week of November 19, 2023

Using Sunday's Order of Worship, we enter into worship and prayer every day of the week. We worship together…separately.

The Call to Worship
The Prayer of Adoration (followed by silence)
The Prayer of Confession (followed by silence)
The Assurance of Pardon
Scripture Readings: Worship texts for November 26, 2023

Mon: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24	Thurs: Matthew 25:31–46
Tues: Psalm 100	Fri: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24
Wed: Ephesians 1:15–23	Sat: Psalm 100

Silent Meditation and Prayer (Listening for God's Voice in Scripture and Silence)
Prayers of the People (Lifting others before God)
Prayer of Dedication

Preparing for Sunday, November 26, 2023
Consider: How would it change you to see the face of Christ in every stranger you meet?

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Activities for the Week of November 19, 2023

Sunday, November 19, 2023

8:30 AM	Worship Service (Chapel)
9:00 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:15 AM	Sunday School (Various Locations)
9:15 AM	Confirmation Class (Youth Room)
9:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)
10:30 AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
5:00 PM	Friendsgiving Pizza Festival (Westminster Hall)

Monday

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting (Parlor)

Tuesday

9:30 AM	Pastor Dave's Bible Study (Parlor)
11:15 AM	Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:00 PM	Session Meeting (Parlor)
7:00 PM	Interfaith Thanksgiving (St. Paul's Episcopal)
7:15 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)

Wednesday—Church Office Closes at Noon

8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
8:00 AM	Food and Clothing Ministry (Westminster Hall)
1:30 PM	Faithful Friends Small Group (Parlor)
6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry Meeting (Parlor)
7:00 p.m.	Pastor Dave's Bible Study (Zoom)

Thursday—Church Closed (Thanksgiving)

Friday—Church Closed

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11:45 AM	Hanging of the Greens

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