



October 15, 2017

## Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Consecration Sunday



*“O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.” - Isaiah 25:1 (NRSV)*

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Call to the Community**  
**News of the Church Alive**

**Singing Together:**

This Is the Day #236  
Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord (Bulletin)  
Lord, Prepare Me (Bulletin)

**Remembering Our Faults and Failings:**

You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come.

**You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving.**

You have made for us a wonderful earth, and we neglect the gift.

**Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us.**

Be our guide and conscience. Turn our feet and hands to your will, that all we do might give glory to you.

**Hear us now in silence, as we remember our own faults and failings.**

*(Silence)*

The God of peace, who calls all creation to live in unity, hears your plea. In the spirit of feasting and thanksgiving, in the mercy of Almighty God, you are forgiven!

**In God's grace, we rejoice in the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior!**

**Our Response:** Change My Heart, O God #195

**Passing of the Peace**

The peace of our Lord and Savior be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**The Message:**

A Time for Children

*Children ages 4 through 10 may be dismissed to Children's Worship at this time.*

Prayer for Illumination

*Lesson from the Prophets: Isaiah 25:1-9 (NRSV)*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

<sup>2</sup>For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

<sup>4</sup>For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

<sup>5</sup>the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14 (CEB)*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus responded by speaking again in parables: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding party for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his servants to call those invited to the wedding party. But they didn’t want to come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other servants and said to them, ‘Tell those who have been invited, ‘Look, the meal is all prepared. I’ve butchered the oxen and the fattened cattle. Now everything’s ready. Come to the wedding party!’” <sup>5</sup>But they paid no attention and went away—some to their fields, others to their businesses. <sup>6</sup>The rest of them grabbed his servants, abused them, and killed them.

<sup>7</sup>“The king was angry. He sent his soldiers to destroy those murderers and set their city on fire. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding party is prepared, but those who were invited weren’t worthy.’ <sup>9</sup>Therefore, go to the roads on the edge of town and invite everyone you find to the wedding party.’

<sup>10</sup>“Then those servants went to the roads and gathered everyone they found, both evil and good. The wedding party was full of guests. <sup>11</sup>Now when the king came in and saw the guests, he spotted a man who wasn’t wearing wedding clothes. <sup>12</sup>He said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ But he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to his

servants, ‘Tie his hands and feet and throw him out into the farthest darkness. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.’

<sup>14</sup>“Many people are invited, but few people are chosen.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

“The Enemies of Gratitude – Part 3: Entitlement” Matt Randolph

**Prayers of the People, ending with The Lord’s Prayer:**

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**The Lord’s Supper**

**Offertory and Response:** Give Thanks #170 (abbreviated)

**Closing Song:** In All Things Give Him Thanks #171

**The Consecration of Our Gifts to God**

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**Reflection for the Christian Life**

What might be the things in our lives that we take for granted? What might be the things in our lives that we expect to have and hold? Is it a matter of deservedness or entitlement, because the two are much different? How might a sense of entitlement keep us from living in gratitude for God’s gracious provision?

**OCTOBER SERMON SERIES**... “The Enemies of Gratitude”

Throughout the month of October, we will explore the different feelings we often hold that prevent us from living more fully in gratitude for what God has done in our lives. Each sermon will look to build an “attitude of gratitude,” that might challenge how we respond to God’s grace.

**WE WELCOME VISITORS TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE THIS MORNING AND INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AGAIN!**

*We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.*

**NURSERY:** Open

**FELLOWSHIP:** Bittner and Rising Families

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Hurricane Victims	Karen Mencer	Dora Beres
Jim Gottfried	Marsha Elliot	PJ Ferretti
Refugees of Iraq & Syria	Jim Pappianne	Pat Crocket
Rachel Rasmussen	Mark Bruce	Matthew Rodriguez
Skip Sterling	Judy Converse	Alyssa Yeagley
Joan & Don Betty	Robert Coady	John Jefferies
Jerianne	Josh Fessler	Laura Vago
Ryley Nazario	Danny Hoye	Trudy Dinardo
Doug Snavelly	Andy McKenzie & wife	Dora Bartis
Ron Bauman	Denise Reichert	Ron Thompson
Dale & Holly Brubaker	Ethan Van Owens	Rose Hershey
Araella Bornmann	Ray Myers	Jesse Howard
Michelle Young	Ruthie Loraw	Vicki Mayers
Family of Annie Ritsch	John Yurkovic	Sara Kunkle
Linda Ahern	Claudia Neiner & Family	Mary Karnes
Nancy Shuman	Linda Uliano & Family	Phil Koser
Daniel Kuzdro	Jesse Stoner	Ronald Bruce
Jim & Linda Armstrong	Eric Arnold	Oliver Adams
Family of Maria Fisher	Chris Dietrich	Family of Pete Hopper

Additions to the Prayer List will remain for 60 days, unless they are removed earlier by the person who added them. Individuals with concerns may be renewed on the list by contacting the church office.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:**

- Gift Card & The Ultimate Cloth® sales during Fellowship Time.
- Special Congregational Meeting to be held today, October 15, following the 9:00 a.m. service of worship to receive and vote on the Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers for the Class of 2020 and to vote on a change in the By-Laws of the Congregation.
- Re-Purposing Project: We will meet today, in Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m. to cut out and construct our Denim Do-It-All Bins. Check out the article in the newsletter for more details.
- Bike Ride scheduled for today has been cancelled.
- Pastor will be on Study Leave this week. Call Linda Bayer for any pastoral concerns (717-285-2511).
- Donegal Men will meet Wednesday for breakfast, fellowship and prayer, at Gus's Keystone Restaurant. In by 7:00, out by 8:00.
- Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
- Contract Bridge, Thursday, October 19, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- Session Meeting, Thursday, October 19, 7:00 p.m.

- Grace Circle will meet for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, October 21, 9:00 a.m. in the Club House at the Masonic Village. If you have any questions, contact Peg Brown or Joanne Myers.

### **LOOKING AHEAD IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:**

- November Newsletter Deadline is Sunday, October 22. All interesting and informational articles can be placed in the secretary's mailbox in the Communication Center or church office or you may e-mail it.
- Pulpit Supply for October 22 will be Steve Sturgis.
- PW Coordinating Team Meeting will be Sunday, October 22, following the 9:00 service of worship.
- BDC Team Practice, Wednesday, October 25, 6:30 p.m.
- Financial Forum will be held Sunday, November 5, at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided. This is an opportunity for the congregation to be updated on the financial situation of the church and ask questions. Sign-up in the Communication Center or Fellowship Hall.

**DONEGAL'S SOCIAL CLUB ACTIVITIES:** There is a dinner at McCleary's in Marietta on November 3, a Hershey Bear's hockey game on November 11, and Christmas caroling on December 16. More details can be found in your newsletter. Sign up for one or all of these activities in the Communication Center or Fellowship Hall.

### **CHURCH WORK DAY SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 11.**

You can join the B&G Team at Gus's at 7:45 a.m. for breakfast or just come to the church at 9:00 a.m. Work to be done includes grounds work, cleaning windows, cleaning gutters, re-staining teak benches, and litter pick-up. Also needed is a crew to clean out Hope House. Dust mask will be provided but bring gloves. You can work as long as you want or can. Two sign-up sheets are provided.

**"WHAT'S YOUR NAME AGAIN?":** As part of our recent Mission Study, we learned that highly dynamic and growth oriented churches have members that wear name tags. This helps everyone learn each other's names and helps new church guests to more easily learn to know who is who and feel more at home. If you would like to have a re-useable magnetic name tag made, please see Carla Douple (she will be wearing her name tag) or sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5.00. Make checks payable to Carla Douple.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BROCHURE for 2017-2018** is available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

**HOW'S YOUR SAMARITAN'S PURSE BOX?** Can you tuck in one more thing? Can you close it? (Strong rubber bands at the "Purse Center" will help.) **November 5 makes the final collection day.** We thank you. Children with destroyed lives thank you.

**LET'S PLAY BINGO!** DPC is hosting a Designer Purse Bingo on Friday, November 10, 2017. The purse prizes will be on display in the Fellowship Hall during September and October. To make the event as profitable as possible for the ministry of the church, the Stewardship Team is asking for individuals, groups, or businesses to sponsor the cost of the purses. Sponsorship can be anonymous or in honor or memory of an individual or group of your choice. Your designation will be recognized at the event. To sponsor a purse, fill out the form attached to the purse you like and put the "sponsored" sign on that purse. Make checks payable to DPC. See Carla Douple or email her at carladouple98@gmail.com with questions.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Please remember the following members of the Donegal Family with a card, phone call, and particularly in your prayers on their birthdays:

	Oct. 18 – Kathy Gable
Oct. 17 – Connie Ginder	Oct. 20 – Anthony Carothers
Oct. 17 – Michelle Luther	Oct. 20 – Tony Adair

### STEWARDSHIP

10/01/17 Offering: \$ 7,932 (Peacemaking \$680)	Attendance 91
10/08/17 Offering: \$ 7,687 (5K - \$3,317)	Attendance 87

Capital Campaign Goal: \$125,000.00  
 Capital Campaign Pledged-to-Date: \$72,234  
 Capital Campaign Received-to-Date: \$48,434

### SERMON NOTES




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<u>CLASS 2017</u>	<u>CLASS 2018</u>	<u>CLASS 2019</u>
	<b>SESSION</b>	
Carla Douple	Connie Ginder	Mark Bruce
Mitch Forry	David Labagh	Sue Croumer
Karen Karnes	Cherry Lee Landis	Mike Wills
Gloria Straub	Bob Mains	

	<b>DEACONS</b>	
Steve Douple	Linda Bayer	Judy Kay Bard
Bill Latimore	Lydia Cleis	Scot Harlacher
	Jeri Culbertson	Judy Weidman
	Dianna Wills	

	<b>STEPHEN LEADERS</b>	
Melody Nissley		Linda Bayer

	<b>STEPHEN MINISTERS</b>	
Judy Kay Bard		Judy Weidman

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**  
 Melody Nissley – Moderator

<b>THE BACK DOOR CHURCH WORSHIP TEAM</b>	
Ann Gecelosky	Judy Kay Bard
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