

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Rev. J. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness (Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Joseph Barnby; arr. Larson
Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

*Call to Worship Brian Belcher

One: You notice when we come to worship, O God.

All: Your heart is warmed by our praise.

One: You notice when we respond to your word, O God.

All: Your heart is warmed when we go your way.

One: You notice when we notice the downtrodden.

All: Your heart is warmed when we work with them for change.

One: You notice each one of us and know us by name.

All: Your heart is warmed when we bring glory to your name.

*Hymn *Rejoice, the Lord Is King! (vs. 1, 3)* 699

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors") Brian Belcher

Blessing of the Keys Rev. Michael

Ashtyn Callis, Camille Divine, Jackson Kyle, Will Sterett

First Scripture Psalm 78:1-7 Brian Belcher

Response One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Message in Music *Lamb of God* Nelson/McHugh
Jim Wilhoyte, soloist

Second Scripture Matthew 25:1-13

Response One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Wise and Foolish* Rev. Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult (vs. 1, 5)* 337

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)

*Dedication Prayer

RENEWING THE COVENANT IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

We are one in Christ, let everyone share in this communion without regard for denominational affiliation. You are invited to take the cup and bread after your prayers.

Invitation to Communion and Words of Institution Brian Belcher

Prayer of Thanksgiving Brian Belcher

*Communion Music *He Hideth My Soul* Wm. J. Kirkpatrick; arr. Hayes

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

*Benediction Rev. Michael

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Flowers have been placed in the chancel by
Morton Holbrook III, Forrest Roberts and Allen Holbrook
to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents.*

Matthew 25:1-13

25¹Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6⁶But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." 7⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8⁸The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." 9⁹But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." 10¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." 12¹²But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." 13¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

November 8 at 9 AM – Online worship via Facebook, Mixlr, or The Church is Calling and **worship in-person for those with last names beginning with C, D, E, T.** Please remember to wear your mask.

November 8 at 4PM – All are invited to a Vespers service outside in our parking lot. You may listen from your car or bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Don't forget to bring your communion.

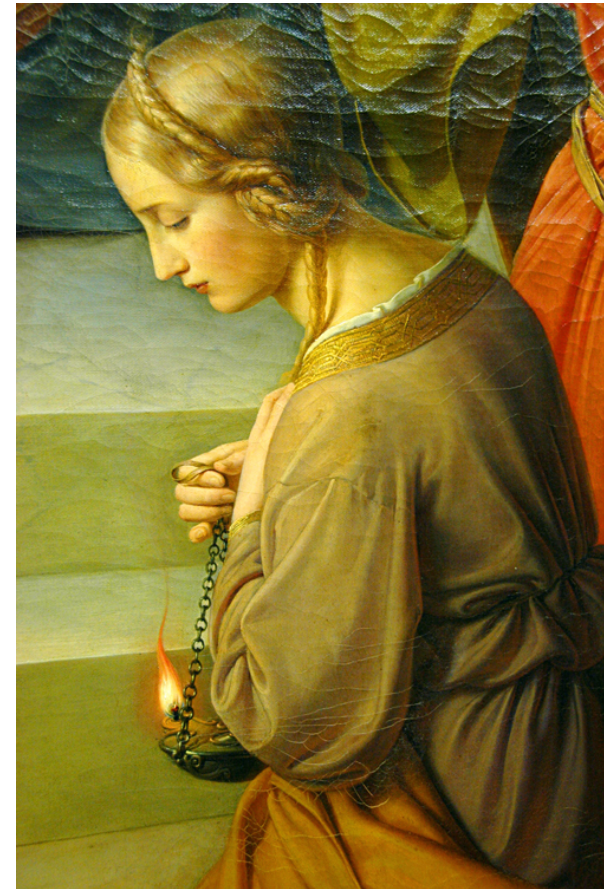
November 11 at 6:30AM – Men's Bible Study at Panera

November 15 at 9 AM – Online worship via Facebook, Mixlr, or The Church is Calling and **worship in-person for those with last names beginning with F, G, J.** Please remember to wear your mask.

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Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins, detail
Friedrich Wilhelm von Schadow, 1789-1862

"Our mission is to manifest Christ's love by empowering all to compassionate service."

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