

# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 17, 2019 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

# *Welcome to worship at St. John's!*

*We especially welcome all who are visiting this morning!*

*All are invited to **sign the welcome sheets** in the black folders at the end of the pews.*

*Please pass them to the center and then back  
so you can greet those worshipping around you.  
Ushers will gather these following worship.*

*In the red pew hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship),  
page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section,  
and hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section.*

*An asterisk (\*) invites you to stand as you are able.*

**P** Pastor, **L** Leader (Assisting Minister), **C** Congregation

**Children are welcome** to participate throughout our  
worship service, including at Holy Communion.

*Parents, please assist children when they come forward for communion  
to extend their hands if they are to receive the bread and wine.*

**Children's Bibles and activity bags**  
are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary  
and scribble cards are available in the pews.

*Hearing assistance devices are available outside the Sanctuary or from an usher.  
For those with hearing aids, the Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.*

*Large print bulletins and hymns are available for worship services.*



*St. John's Lutheran Church is a community grounded in the promise of God's grace  
and called to extend Christ's welcome to all people. Every day, Christ meets us all just as  
we are, extending love to people of every age, race or ethnicity, physical appearance,  
sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, marital or  
relationship status, economic circumstance, educational achievement,  
political affiliation, or religious background.*

*While we do not always agree, we choose to walk and grow in faith together,  
believing that God creates diversity, and loves and welcomes us.*

*We warmly welcome you here.*

# GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

**Prelude** — Two settings on “Vater unser im Himmelreich”  
(Our Father in Heaven)

J. S. Bach  
Georg Bohm

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Thanksgiving for Baptism

(10:45) **Presentation of Bibles to 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders**

\***Gathering Hymn** — No. 713

“O God of Every Nation”

### \*Greeting

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

### \*Prayer of the Day

- ☐ O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

**First Reading** — Isaiah 65:17-25

Pew Bible, page 607

*After the reading:*

- ☐ The word of the Lord.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody — Psalm 98

NETTLETON

Sing new songs to God Al - might - y, mar - vel - lous;  
Joy - ful songs of praise and hon - or earth shall  
at God's maj - es - ty! In the face of foes a - rise  
sing with one ac - cord; horn and trum - pet raise a  
round us God has brought the vic - to - ry! Na - tions  
might - y shout of trib - ute to our LORD! Seas and  
all shall see God's pro - mise, love en - dure and faith pre - vail;  
floods re - joice with glad - ness, all the earth God's gifts pro - fess;  
ev - er - more will God be gra - cious to the house of Is - ra - el.  
end - less grace con - ceived in mer - cy, jus - tice born in right - eous - ness

Text: Psalm 98, paraphrase Michael Morgan © 1999 MM, admin. Witherspoon Press

Children's Message

\*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*Gospel** — Luke 21:5-19

Spark Story Bible, page 408; Pew Bible, page 856

*Before the reading:*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Jonathan Davis

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**Hymn of the Day** — No. 723

“Canticle of the Turning”

**\*The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### \*Prayers of Intercession

*After each petition:*

- Ⓛ Lord, in your mercy,
- Ⓒ **hear our prayer.**

### \*Peace

- Ⓛ The peace of Christ be with you always.
- Ⓒ **And also with you.**

*You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.*

### Offering of Our Gifts

*Music at the Offering:*

(8:30) "We Give Thanks"

arr. Bill Ingram

*Rejoice Ringers*

\*Offering Hymn — "For the Fruit of All Creation" *stanza 3*

AR HYD Y NOS

**For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.**

**For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.**

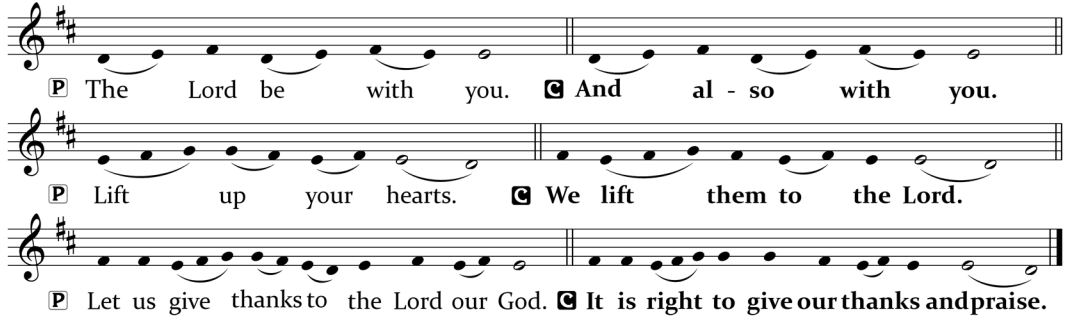
**For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

### \*Offering Prayer

- Ⓛ Let us pray.
- Ⓒ **God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring,  
and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your  
saints on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your  
promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world,  
spoken in Jesus' name.  
Amen.**

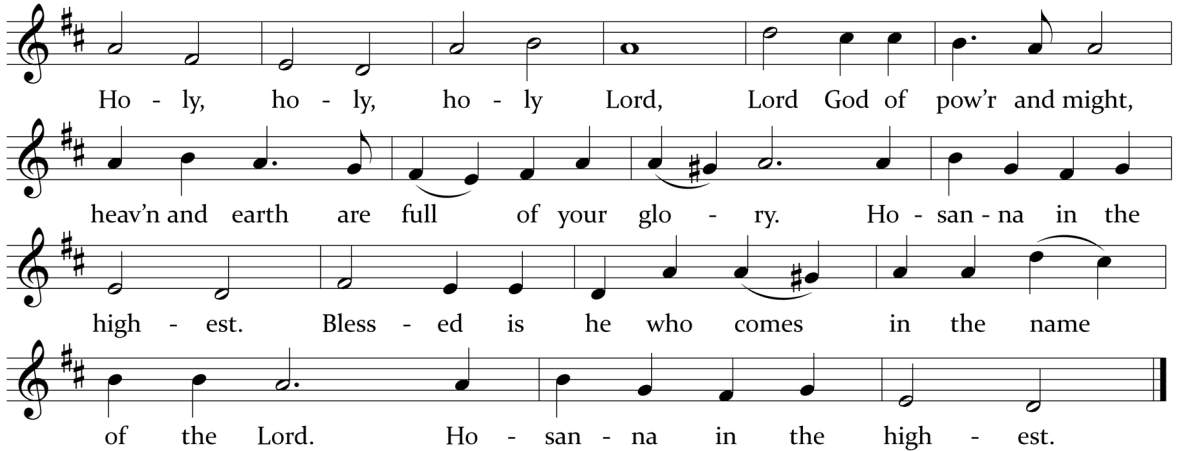
# SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

## \*Great Thanksgiving



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*Words of Institution

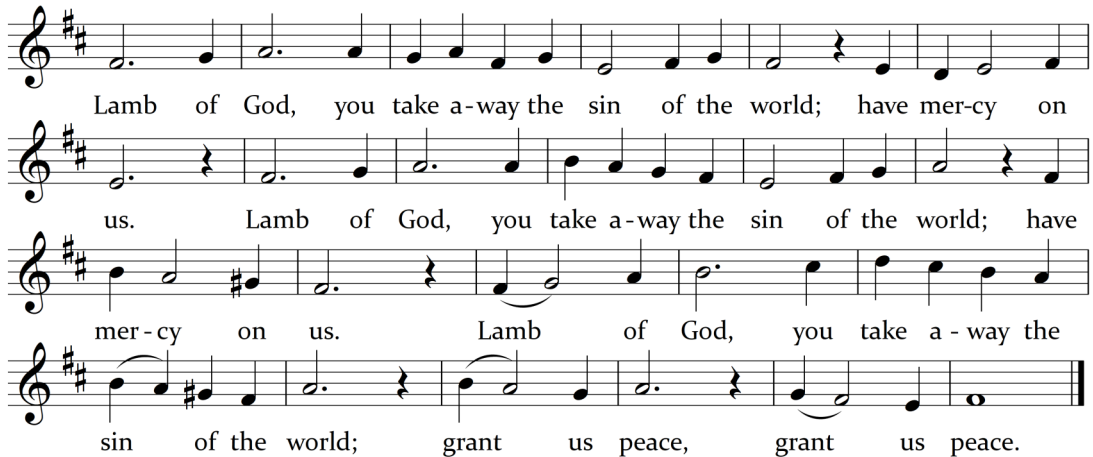
## \*The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

*All God's children are welcome at the table. Communion will be received standing at the front of the sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the middle. After you have been served the bread, you will be offered **wine or grape juice**. The **grape juice** is white and is located in the center of the tray. If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know, and communion will be brought to you.*

## Music during Communion

"Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Anthem** — "For All the Saints"

SINE NOMINE , arr. Dan R. Edwards

**Hymn** — No. 879

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

## \*Post-Communion Blessing



**\*Prayer after Communion**

℣ Let us pray.

℟ **Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.**

## DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

☩ **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn** — No. 785

“When Peace like a River”

**\*Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** — Praeludium con Fuga in G Major

Nicolaus Bruhns



## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:**

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Rob Quanbeck
Organist	Joanne Rodland
Choir	Rejoice Ringers, Zachery Pelletier, director
Acolytes	(8:30) Austin Mathre, Tristan Mattson (10:45) John Tracy, Noah Tracy
Communion Preparer	Judy Smith
Communion Server	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Communion Cleanup	TBD
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Shirley Keltto, Bruce and Audrey Moe (10:45) Bruce and Audrey Moe
Coffee and Refreshments	Paul and Maribeth Beck, Bill Gasho, Bruce and Audrey Moe
Nursery	Erica Anderson
Counters	Bill and Char Carlson, Ruth Dahl, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) Mark Anderson, Jim Bierman, Jerry Bothun, Dave Hagen, Sue Hagen, Nicholas Gonnerman, Patsy Ophaug, John Ophaug (10:45) Bonnie Jean Flom, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Greg Norman, Doug O'Leary, Wally Wegner

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## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (November 24):**

### *Christ the King*

Jeremiah 23:1-6 † Psalm 46 † Colossians 1:11-20 † Luke 23:33-43

## **Third Graders Receiving their Bibles Today Include:**

*Jacent Almen, Otto Bash, Violet Froehle, Eleanor Godfrey, Teyten Johnson, Wyatt Nelson,  
Luke Nelson, Beau Paulson, Edie Pellinen, Luke Thorsheim, Lucas Van Sickle, Gabriel Zempel*

## **Welcome Back Handbells!**



Today we celebrate the return of our newly refurbished handbells. Earlier this summer, the handbells journeyed back to Pennsylvania to undergo a full refurbishment by Schulmerich, the company that made them. The majority of our bells were first purchased in 1981, and they were ready for some work. In the refurbishment process, Schulmerich carefully took each bell apart, cleaned it, and installed new clappers and handles. They also polished and re-tuned each one before sending them back to us. The bells now look and sound better than ever, and this maintenance helps insure they ring beautifully for many years to come. Thank you to Mary Kay Bougie and St. Peter's Lutheran Church for the use of their space and handbells while ours were away this fall.

## **Learning and Fellowship Between Services**

### **Today (November 17):**

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

St. John's Forum: Creation and Suffering Part 1 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)

Sunday Morning Youth Group: Grades 6-12 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Youth Room)

Accompany Gathering (9:45-10:30 a.m., Undercroft)

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# Announcements

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in memory of Mary Virginia Shaw by Joe Shaw and daughters, Nancy, Betsy, Margaret, and Mary. Mary Virginia died November 22, 2014. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact the church office. Dates available: December 15, 22, 24 & 25. Due to changes with Northfield Community Television, video broadcasts are currently unavailable. The broadcasts should be available again at the end of November. Watch for information regarding days and times of the broadcasts.

## **St. John's Forum**

**Today and Next Sunday, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary**

Topic: *Creation and Suffering - A Study of the Book of Job with Dr. Kathryn Schifferdecker*

Why do bad things happen to good people? Where is God when such things happen? How do we think theologically about "acts of God" or natural disasters? These are questions that people of faith have wrestled with for millennia. The book of Job also wrestles with such questions of suffering in a profound way, even as it explores creation and humanity's place in creation. Join us for a two-part series with Dr. Kathryn Schifferdecker, Old Testament Professor from Luther Seminary, where she will talk about the book of Job, the problem of evil, and creation theology.

**St. John's congregation is invited** to share with Christ Church Lutheran in honoring Pastor Kristine Carlson-Wee upon her retirement next Sunday, November 24. Letters of appreciation are welcomed and can be sent to [mail@christchurchluth.org](mailto:mail@christchurchluth.org).

## **Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service at All Saints Episcopal Church**

**Wednesday, November 27, 6:30 p.m.**

St. John's will be gathering in worship together with our Christian brothers and sisters on Thanksgiving Eve. We will gather at All Saints Episcopal Church for worship with hymns, homily, and prayers, and then gather in their fellowship hall for pie and ice cream. The offering for the evening will benefit the Community Action Center of Northfield's food shelf. St. John's is providing the pies for the festivities. Please sign up to contribute to the refreshments. You can sign up in the Commons or online thru CCB, or by contacting Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429 or [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **Holiday alert!**

Christmas is coming and when it does come, St. John's will again host the community Christmas dinner as in past years. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, this dinner is St. John's gift to the community and is open to anyone who comes at no cost. Immediately after Thanksgiving on Sunday, December 1, we will be recruiting donations of food and labor from members of the congregation. Many workers are needed for various 1.5-2 hour shifts on December 23 and 25 and donations of food including salads, desserts, and potato bakes are also needed. We welcome your contribution.

## Announcements (continued)

### **November Emphasis: ELCA World Hunger Appeal**

ELCA World Hunger is positioned to address the problem of hunger all around the globe. In this month when we give thanks for the blessings of bountiful food, let us remember those who face the daily challenges of adequate food and water. Your support makes a difference. Please consider a gift to ELCA World Hunger. Use the specially marked envelope in your packet. Make checks payable to St. John's, noting ELCA World Hunger on the memo line. You can also give online thru our website. Thank you.

### **The Community Action Center of Northfield has Volunteer Opportunities**

The CAC has volunteer opportunities in the Resource Center, at the Food Shelf, at the Clothes Closet, and for the weekly Thursday's Table Community Meal! Currently, they are in need of volunteer "personal shoppers" at the food shelf and delivery drivers on the third Thursday of each month for our Home Delivery program. Please contact us at 507-664-3585, or check out our website and sign up online at: <https://communityactioncenter.org/volunteer/>. Thank you for continuing to support your community!"

## Children and Youth Ministry

### **Summer Youth Trip Informational Meeting**

**Today, 12:00 p.m., Fireside Room**

We invite youth (Grades 6-12) and parents to join us in the Fireside Room for a short session that will be accompanied by pizza and beverages. This year, we are looking forward to visiting Denver for our mission trips. We are planning for two meaningful experiences at Denver; one for High Schoolers and another for Middle Schoolers, where we will travel as one BIG family for our youth to get to know each other, connect and socialize, and then, once we are in Denver, Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers will go to separate mission trip sites.

### **Upcoming High School Youth Event...High School Lock-in at St. John's!**

**November 22-23, 8:00 p.m. Friday - 8:00 a.m. Saturday (This time is currently approximate.)**

Come for a fun overnight experience that includes games, activities, and a movie in St. John's Theater! Pizza, snacks, and breakfast included! Signups are available in the Commons or on the bulletin board outside the Youth Room or contact Emmanuel Kaghondi at 507-645-4429 or [youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

### **High School Youth are Invited to be Ushers**

Helping with Sunday service is fun! If you are interested in becoming an usher, please check with one of our pastors or Emmanuel for information. Being an usher is a wonderful way to serve! (Being an usher does not require being at church every Sunday. Ushers serve once a month.)

## Prayer Requests

*We are called to remember one another in prayer. The church office has been made aware of the following persons for whom we pray today. This list is also for your use this week.*

### **Healing and Support**

*Those in the hospital or in need of healing*

Lester Gunderson

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of JoAnn Smith

Family of Philip Plagge (son of Mary Ann Scheid)

*Those currently serving in the military or deployed*

Matthew Knutson, Andrew Peterson

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Marybeth Bremer, Mary Ingbritsen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Betty Schuette,  
Joanne Sommers, Jim Thompson, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

*All who are homebound, including*

Lois Rand, Dorothy Ostlie, Lyla Arneson Paulson

*Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's*

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia;

Iambi Lutheran Church in Iambi, Tanzania;

Mark Rich and Cynthia Holder Rich, ELCA missionaries in Tanzania

### **Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests**

*Stephen Ministry Requests*

Call one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

*Prayer Chain Requests*

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or [macisar@gmail.com](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

# Wednesday Night



**Served from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.  
in St. John's Hall**

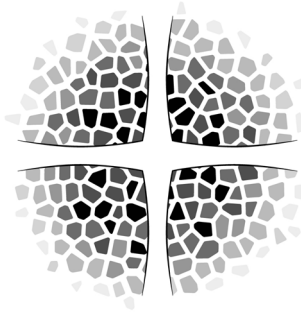
Menu for Wednesday, November 20:  
*Meatball Stroganoff*

**All are welcome!**

# **This Week At-a-Glance**

*The calendar below contains only St. John's events.  
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed  
on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, Nov. 18</b>	8:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room
	5:30 p.m.	Grief Coalition: Coping with the Holidays, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Foundation, Undercroft
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 19</b>	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Undercroft
<b>Wed., Nov. 20</b>	3:45 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5)
	4:15 p.m.	Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205
	4:45 p.m.	Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
		Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205
	5:30 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Group, Fireside Room
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6), Undercroft
		Confirmation (Grades 7-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
<b>Thursday, Nov. 21</b>	8:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
<b>Friday, Nov. 22</b>	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	High School Lock-In (Grades 9-12), St. John's
<b>Saturday, Nov. 23</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Sunday, Nov. 24</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery



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Call the Church Office, or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.