

Sunday Service

October 13, 2024

9:30 am

Becoming
the Saints
We Are Called
to Be:
Continuing
to Rejoice

Philippians 1:12-30



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Welcome



Call to Worship – Hardy Hemphill

Psalm 27:1-3, 13-14

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.

People: Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.

Leader: I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

People: Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart, and wait for the Lord.

Song

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Greetings & Announcements – Janet Russell

Prayers of the People – Karen Clark

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.

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Philippians 1:12-30 NIV

¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters,^[a] that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard^[b] and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear. ¹⁵ It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. ¹⁶ The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. ¹⁸ But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.^[c] ²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me. ²⁷ Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit,^[d] striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

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Rev. Janet Russell

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Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today we are taking a **special offering for families affected by Hurricane Helene**. Use the marked envelope provided and the Missions Committee will match your gift up to \$1000. We invite you to pray for the folks in Florida, Georgia, and the Carolinas who face unimaginable devastation and loss. Make **checks payable to: WORLD RENEW**.

Fellowship Calendar:

Tuesday, October 15 – Women’s Bible Study “Sermon on the Mount”, is from 7:30-8:30 pm in Room 4/5. Contact Terri Dias for more information.

Saturday, October 26 - Stop by our campus at 9:30 am to **catch up with Dennis and Karen Campbell**, visiting here until 11 am. Please bring some coffee or cookies to share.

Saturday, October 26 – WVPC's monthly hosting of **The Refuge Homeless Ministry** offers a worship service and meal to the homeless. Want to volunteer to help out this month? Contact Janet or Greg Shaw for more information.

Saturday, November 2 – Judy van Gastel’s Memorial will be at 11 am, with lunch afterwards in McHattie Hall. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Maggie Day.

Sunday, November 3 – All Saints’ Day Celebration – Testimonies and remembering our saints through candle-lighting.

Sunday, December 1 – A Christmas Carol Advent Series starts after Service at 10:45 am. Please contact Terri Dias for more information.

Thursdays - Men's Zoom Breakfast Meeting at 8:30 am. Contact Parker at pawilley@pacbell.net for the Zoom link.

The Crafts Boutique meets Wednesdays at 10 am in Room 15. Everyone is welcome.

Coffee & Donuts:

October 13 – Mike & Karen Clark
October 20 –
October 27 –
November 3 – Donna Perry