



November 14, 2021 – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude**

**Polly Carroll**

## *Welcome & Greeting*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Brooke Branyan**

Birthdays: 22 Cara Vctor, 29 Kay Schreffler

Anniversaries: 16 Keith & Nancy Hartley, 27 Phillip and Debbie Bouillon

## *Bringing in the Light of Christ*

Acolytes

## *Call to Worship*

**Brooke Branyan**

L: "The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Jacob".

**P: God has made a new covenant with us in Christ Jesus.**

L: Yet we have turned away, hardened our hearts and spirits.

**P: Lord, help us to change.**

L: "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people".

**P: But we have failed to be God's people. We have chosen our own way.**

L: Turn again, says the Lord, through the prophets and through God's own Son.

**P: Turn us again to you, O Lord, and awaken our spirits to your love and mercy.  
AMEN.**

## *Songs of Praise*

\* "Breathe On Me Breath of God"      verses 1,3 &4

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"      All Verses

"Father I Adore You"      All Verses

-Children Dismissed to Children's Church-

*Passing of Peace      Pastoral Welcome*

*Giving God Our Gifts - Worship through Giving*

*God Calls Us to Prayer*

## *Hearing God's Word*

Epistle Reading      Psalm 119: 9-16      (NIV)

Today's Message      **"The Incarnation"**      Pastor Chris

Scripture John 12: 20-28 (NIV)

Children return from Children's Church

## *Special Music*

Closing Hymn      "He Leadeth Me"      Verses 1,2 & 4

## *Taking the Light of Christ into the World*

Benediction

\*Stand if able

*We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today. We hope this time of worship draws you closer to God. Join in the meet and greet so we can get acquainted with you. Please join us after service in the Café.*

**Thank you to all who serve today!**

Lay Leader: Brooke Branyan

Acolytes Leader: Max Colclessner

Children's Church Today: Polly Carroll

Greeter: Doug Tellas

Scripture Reader: TBA

Praise Team: Chris & Chelsea Dourson, Jenny Gross, Sara Perkins

Cafe Hostess: Terri Bartrom Brumbaugh

Sound & Video: Steve Eisenhut, Ann O'Briant and Jeff Gross

### Reminders for Next Week (November 21)

Lay Leader: Brooke Branyan

Pianist: Polly Carroll

Acolytes Leader: Max Colclessner

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Service November 7, 2021 ^

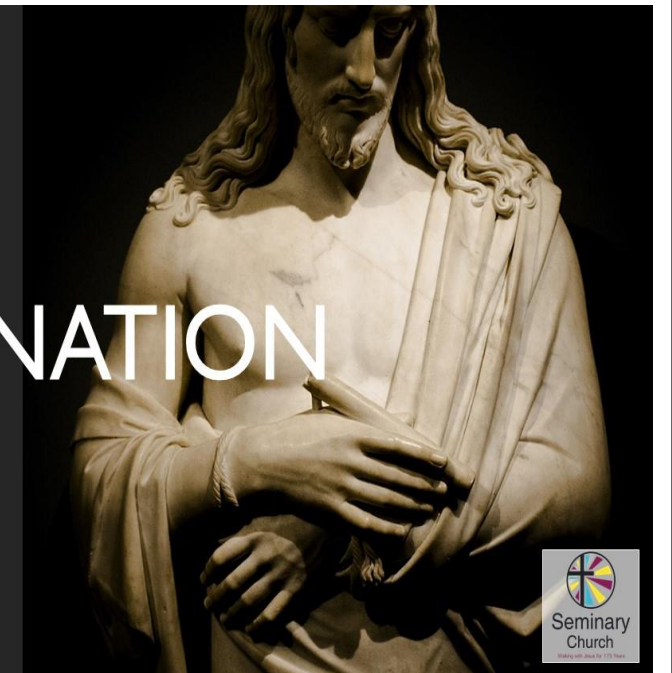


# Seminary Church

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## THE INCARNATION

A SERMON BY PASTOR  
CHRIS



Please pray for our World, our Nation, our Church and Pastor. Continued prayers for the friends and family of our recent departed, and for improving health of Peggy Keller, Cindy Burns, Brenda Conn, Marilyn Fleishman, Sarah Harvey, and any others recovering from surgery or health complications, and our shut-ins and those homebound.

### Nickels and Noses

November 07, 2021 Attendance: 58 Giving \$3,222.00

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# EVENTS

## November

**Today** Poinsettia Orders to church office by noon

16 Crafty Corner Café 1am- 2-pm

21 Thanksgiving Dinner Fellowship Hall noon    signup carryin

22 Leadership Board Café 6:30pm

28 **Hanging of the Greens ( May be changed to 21<sup>st</sup> after dinner)**

30 Crafty Corner Café 10am-2pm

## December

3 **Christmas in the Village**

13 Women of Faith Christmas Luncheon

14 Crafty Corner Café 10am-2pm

24 **Christmas Eve Service**

28 Crafty Corner Cafe 10am-2pm

## January 2022

11 Crafty Corner Café 10am-2pm

16 Youth Invasion Service

25 Crafty Corner Café 10am-2pm

28 Elevate Youth Ice Camp

Thanksgiving is a special time of the year where families and friends come together to purposefully express gratitude. We live in a busy world where it's pretty easy to find things to complain about. That's why it's becoming more important to take time out of your day to stop and reflect on all the good things. In fact, science has proven that there are even health benefits associated with practicing gratitude!

What better reason is there to be grateful, than spending time with loved ones over a delicious meal? Here are some quotes from inspirational historical figures about the importance of having a thankful and grateful heart. You can find one that resonates with you and share it at the dinner table.

“Thanksgiving Day is a good day to recommit our energies to giving thanks and just giving.” – Amy Grant

“Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.” – Henry Van Dyke

“I’ve always had fond memories of cooking Thanksgiving.” – Wylie Dufresne

“Thanksgiving is a time of togetherness and gratitude.” – Nigel Hamilton

“I think Thanksgiving is the perfect occasion to break open a buttery, oaky Chardonnay from California.” – Gavin Newsom

“That’s one of the great things about Thanksgiving: Football’s on!” – Michael Strahan

“No one has ever become poor by giving.” – Anne Frank

“I’m thankful for every moment.” – Al Green

“Thanksgiving is a season that is very much in accord with the themes and teachings of Jesus Christ.” – John Clayton

10. “Christians were instructed to serve others, and the thanksgiving was for the grace of God and the fact that God offered a way for man to return to a positive relationship with Him.” – John Clayton

11. “Thanksgiving is one of my favorite American traditions. I quickly picked it up when I moved to the U.S. from Sweden.” – Marcus Samuelsson

12. “We would worry less if we praised more. Thanksgiving is the enemy of discontent and dissatisfaction.” – Harry Ironside

13. “Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our Thanksgiving.” – W.T. Purkiser

14. “Thanksgiving is probably my favorite holiday – it’s a day that’s American to the core and it’s a day that’s all about what and how we eat.” – Marcus Samuelsson

15. “There is one day that is ours. Thanksgiving Day is the one day that is purely American.” – O. Henry

16. “Thanksgiving just gets me all warm and tingly and all kinds of wonderful inside.” – Willard Scott

17. “If you made a list of all the things you could be thankful for, the list would undoubtedly be longer than your misfortunes.” – Catherine Pulsifer

Be sure to Sign up for Seminary's Thanksgiving Dinner to be held November 21<sup>st</sup>

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On November 28 Terri will be taking another photo capture from the balcony to the sanctuary with all present after the 10am service. Please be a part of this photo history !

Giving Thanks is Something to Share

Posted by Lauren Frazier on November 10, 2021 ( From my Christian Planner TSBB)

When our joy overflows we cannot help but share our thankfulness. Recognizing what God has done for us and the gift we receive everyday must be the source of our joy. When it is, we will overflow daily. What a gift we have access to, eternal life. The trouble is recognizing this over all the distractions the world throws at us. The reason channeling gratitude can be difficult is because we stop putting the source of true joy into focus. Salvation is the well of water that will sustain us. Knowing without a doubt that we will be sustained in this life and beyond is an incredible reason to praise and proclaim the name of God to everyone we meet. Praise and proclamation are outward expressions of gratitude. Sharing a heart of gratitude is contagious and paves the way for others to follow.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. In that day you will say: "Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Isaiah 12:3-4 NIV

The book of Philemon is a letter from the Apostle Paul to a first century Christian named Philemon. In this verse Paul is praising Philemon for his work as a Christian leader. It is very high praise to personally thank God for someone. In this act, Paul is showing us how to encourage others. He is leading by example and sharing his gratitude for the work God has us doing. When we find joy in the work God has us doing we want to share in that joy. God wants us to encourage each other (see 1 Thessalonians 5:11). It is through encouragement that gratitude can grow. When gratitude grows, joy grows. It is all cyclical.

I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers.

Philemon 1:4 NIV

A Story of Sharing Gratitude:

Learning to have a wide perspective on life rather than tunnel vision has not been easy. Tunnel vision seems so much easier because it allows me to focus on what the world tells me I should be striving for. However, tunnel vision has always come with worry, fear and anxiety. Not to mention it has never made me a nice person to be around.

I started to learn how to grow how I look at my life circumstances when I almost lost everything. The perspective shift I received was that nothing in this life is actually mine. I had to look up and realize that all I am and have is because of Him.

By the grace of God, I did not lose everything. The only way to explain how all the stars aligned is that God interceded. I am grateful today to have been put in my place to understand that I control nothing. I always want to share my gratitude with others for how amazing our God is, because the peace I live in now is unsurpassed. I want everyone to know this kind of peace.

- Anonymous