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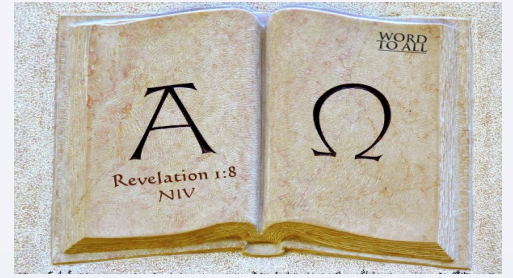
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Christ the King/Reign of Christ

**"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is,
and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."**

~ Revelation 1:8 ~



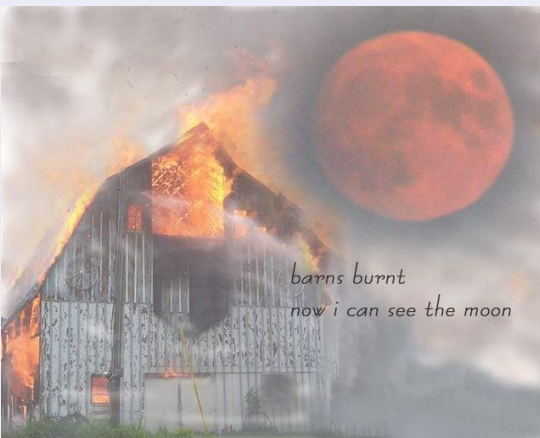
Happy Thanksgiving

Gary — Roswell, Georgia — July 14, 2010

Thanksgiving – for most of us it's all about eating good food and enjoying time with family. For some, Thanksgiving is also a time of introspection – taking stock of what one should be thankful for. Yes, it is true the year has not passed without its difficulties especially in the economy. Thankfully though, we did avert a second Great Depression. Even so, I think about how so many people lost their jobs this year. And as this is being written one hears about how, although the recession is said to have ended, unemployment is nevertheless expected to move higher for a while longer.

Hearing about someone losing their job is in many ways much the same as being informed of a death in someone's family isn't it? And while I have long held the view that there is no such thing as job security – no matter who you are, no matter where you work, it is always disturbing to hear of a job loss. The incessant news about job losses has led me to consider the possibility more vividly and wonder

how one might react to losing one's source of income. It's often said that unless something touches you personally – unless you experience it yourself, you cannot appreciate its



full impact. If I were to ever find myself in this position I hope I might remember the words of Masahide the 17th century Japanese poet who wrote: "Barn's burnt down — now I can see the moon."

There may indeed be times when the barn burns down – maybe even more than once for some of us. I'm not sure what the special quality is that gives some people the ability to rebound after a traumatic experience while others seem to forever struggle to regain their footing. Perhaps it's a form of divine grace that intercedes? Whatever it can be attributed to I am thankful that I am, at least for now, not in the position to have to try to summon up that grace. I am truly thankful that I do still have my job. And perhaps because I am still getting used to the idea of being fifty-plus years old that, nowadays, I think more about how I wish to be remembered when I finally do retire to something else.

As I consider the matter I wonder if perhaps I have taken much of what I have for granted, especially in terms of the sheer opportunity I have (as do we all) to contribute to society to the extent one's capabilities allow. Pondering this I am reminded of a short story called, The Carpenter.



An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer-contractor of his plans to leave the house-building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife enjoying his extended family. He would miss the paycheck, but he needed to retire. He would get by.

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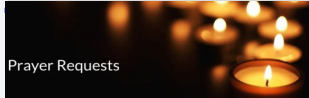
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Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests will be added each week by your requests, and will run for two weeks unless a request to continue is received.



God's healing presence:

For Fritz & Jean Wainwright, Jean Miller, and Fran Kraft
For Joe Celkupa under medical care
For Heidi's friend Scott dealing with brain cancer
For Millie's niece Sally
For Christy Brock awaiting MRI results
For Maritza Chambers' sister Elba and her brother Angel
For Aiden Witte, Brittany Zier & Marleigh
For Polly's daughter Ava
For Ginny Heal, recovering from medical treatment
For Carol Shore's nephew, Mike Troy
For Jack Harkins & Alice Garman
For Liz Duffy dealing with Alzheimer's and patience for her family
For Jane Cheslo healing from a fall
For Wendy's nephew Shawn dealing with cancer.

God's comfort:

For the people of [Ukraine](#)
For Don Kasper and his family
For Eric Olsen's friend whose mom passed away
For Carol Shore's friend Richard rebuilding in Florida
For the Redlar family on the loss of their son Eric

For God's Guidance and Assistance:

For Pastor Inna's mom and family in Kiev

For God's Traveling Mercies:

For Eric Olsen travelling to Long Island

In Thanks and Praise to God:

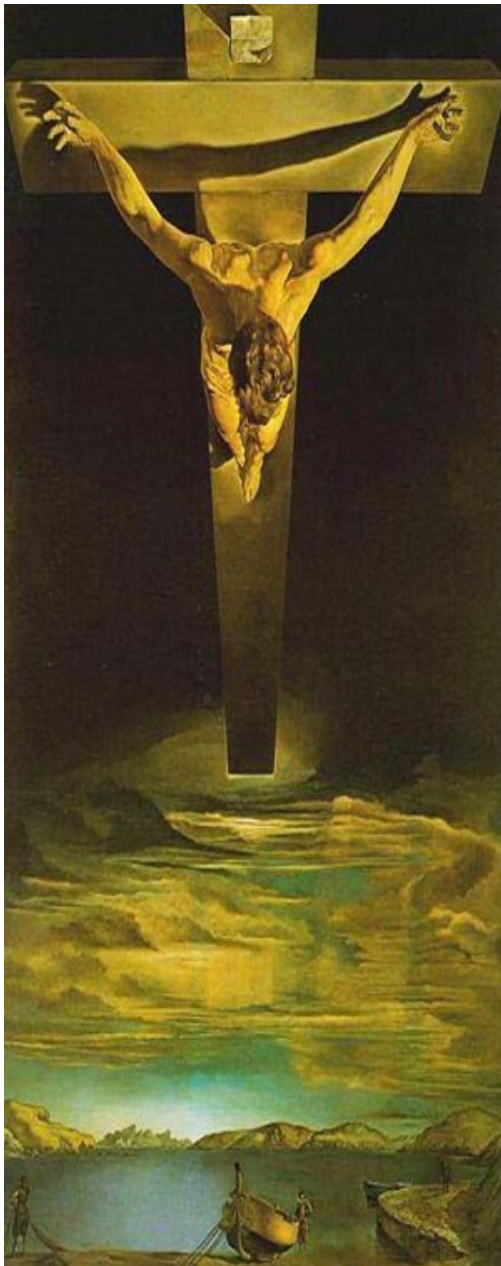
For the strength and stories families provide
For God's providence for Pastor Inna & our Session
For God's recreation & solace on the Appalachian Trail
For Jonathan Cheslo home with mom & dad
For 96 years of joy for Millie Lincoln



PRAYER



Inna Moment



Salvador Dalí

“Christ of St. John of the Cross”
(1951)

The festival of Christ the King (or Reign of Christ) this Sunday, November 20, ends the season of Ordinary Time that started after the Day of Pentecost. It moves us to the threshold of Advent, the season of hope for Christ’s coming again at the end of time. The day centers on the crucified and risen Christ, whom God exalted to rule over the whole universe. The celebration of the lordship of Christ thus looks back to Ascension, Easter, and Transfiguration, and points ahead to the appearing in glory of the King of kings and Lord of lords. Christ reigns supreme. As the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, Christ is the center of the universe, the ruler of all history, the judge of all people. In Christ all things began, and in Christ all things will be fulfilled (An excerpt from the Companion of the Book of Common Worship, Geneva Press, 2003, 151).

O King of our desire whom we despise,
King of the nations never on the throne,
Unfound foundations, cast-off cornerstone,
Rejected joiner, making many one:
You have no form or beauty for our eyes,
A King who comes to give away his crown,
A King within of our rags of flesh and bone.
We pierce the flesh that pierces our disguise,
For we ourselves are found in you alone.
Come to us now and find in us your throne,
A King within the child within the clay,
O hidden King who shapes us in the play
Of all creation. Shape us for the day
Your coming Kingdom comes into its own.

Malcolm Guite, O Rex Gentium



The 26 Second Sermon - Continued From Page 1...

The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favor. The carpenter said yes, but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end a dedicated career.

When the carpenter finished his work, the employer came to inspect the house. He handed the front door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "my gift to you." The carpenter was shocked! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently.

So it is with us. We build our lives a day at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then, with a shock, we realize we have to live in the house we have built. If we could do it over, we'd do it much differently. But we cannot go back. You are the carpenter. Each day you hammer a nail, place a board, and erect a wall. "Life is a do-it-yourself project," someone has said. Your attitude and the choices you make today build the "house" you live in tomorrow. Build wisely! ~author unknown

So even though we may have experienced difficulties this year, surely there is much for which to be thankful. Take a few moments. Reflect. Give thanks. And, may we all learn from the carpenter's story to approach each new day and every task as though it will be our last and the only one for which we will be remembered.

Happy Thanksgiving!



The Presbyterian Women are pleased to announce their first annual Christmas Brunch and Bible Study on Tuesday, December 6th at 11am. After brunch and fellowship the story of Mary will be shared as part of their study of Women of the New Testament.

Please RSVP to Carol or Marie so they may provide enough food.



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Never Too Early Holiday Schedule*



Date	Time	Event
Friday, November 25, 2022	7:00 PM	Hanging Of The Greens
Sunday, November 27, 2022	9:00 AM	1st Sunday of Advent
	4:00 PM	Christmas Vespers
Sunday, December 4, 2022	9:00 AM	2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 11, 2022	9:00 AM	3rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 18, 2022	9:00 AM	4th Sunday of Advent
Saturday, December 24, 2021	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service

*Updates & Amendments TBA

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Annual Meeting Part I

Sunday, November
27, 2022

Right After Service

Election of Elders

Review Budget



Holiday Open House





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Christmas Choir Practice

Join us as the choir reassembles to ring in the joy of our Savior's birth.

Sundays after morning service

11/20 to 12/18



And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ~ Ephesians 5:18-20



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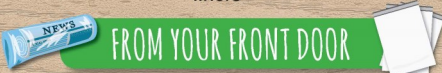
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- ✓ Produce bags
- ✓ Store bags
- ✓ Ice bags



FROM YOUR PANTRY

- ✓ Ziploc® & other reclosable bags
- ✓ Cereal box liners
- ✓ Case overwrap
- ✓ Bread bags



FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR

- ✓ Newspaper sleeves
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- ✓ Bubble wrap
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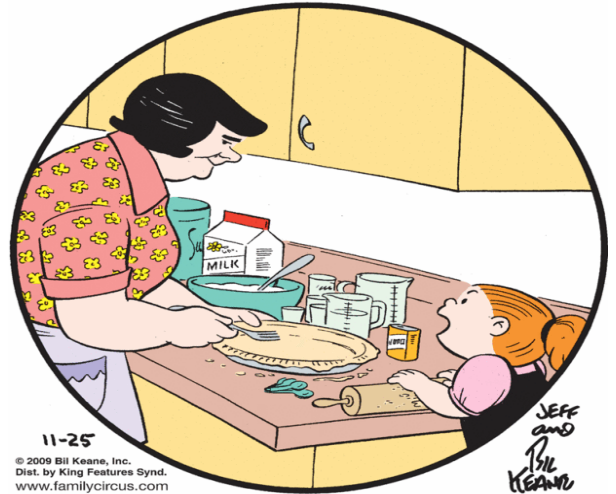
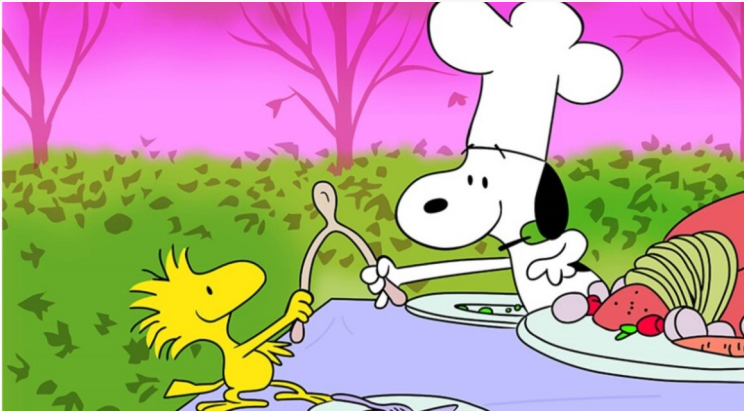


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HAPPY Thanksgiving



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