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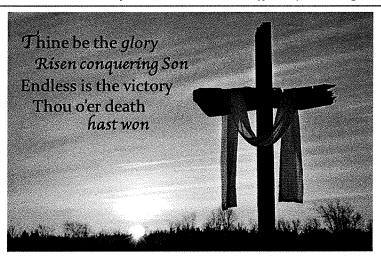
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October 24, 2021

Verse for Meditation: John 5:21

"Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomever he wishes."

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY...... Operation Christmas Child campaign

INTROIT

* INVOCATION Pr. Matt Stith

HYMN: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" No. 325

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your son, Amen.

(Now follows a brief time for silent, personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* PRAISE:

"Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end, Amen, Amen.

Leader: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

People: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Leader: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

People: Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, save my life!"

Leader: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

People: The LORD protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

Leader: Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

People: For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

* GREETING - PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

"Sing to the Lord With a Joyful Sound"

Chancel Choir

² "There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. ³ Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. ⁴ The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. ⁵ Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. ⁶ The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. ⁷ The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. ⁸ He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them he has set the world.

⁹ "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. ¹⁰ The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed."

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 25:23-26:8

²³ So on the next day Agrippa and Bernice came with great pomp, and they entered the audience hall with the military tribunes and the prominent men of the city. Then Festus gave the order and Paul was brought in. ²⁴ And Festus said, "King Agrippa and all here present with us, you see this man about whom the whole Jewish community petitioned me, both in Jerusalem and here, shouting that he ought not to live any longer. ²⁵ But I found that he had done nothing deserving death; and when he appealed to his Imperial Majesty, I decided to send him. ²⁶ But I have nothing definite to write to our sovereign about him. Therefore I have brought him before all of you, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that, after we have examined him, I may have something to write— ²⁷ for it seems to me unreasonable to send a prisoner without indicating the charges against him."

26 Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and began to defend himself:

² "I consider myself fortunate that it is before you, King Agrippa, I am to make my defense today against all the accusations of the Jews, ³ because you are

especially familiar with all the customs and controversies of the Jews; therefore I beg of you to listen to me patiently.

⁴ "All the Jews know my way of life from my youth, a life spent from the beginning among my own people and in Jerusalem. ⁵ They have known for a long time, if they are willing to testify, that I have belonged to the strictest sect of our religion and lived as a Pharisee. ⁶ And now I stand here on trial on account of my hope in the promise made by God to our ancestors, ⁷ a promise that our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly worship day and night. It is for this hope, your Excellency, that I am accused by Jews! ⁸ Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?

SERMON

"Why Is It Thought Incredible?"

Pr. Matt Stith

* Confession of Faith: Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 52

Q. How was Christ exalted in his resurrection?

A. Christ's exaltation in his resurrection began with his body not decaying, since it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. On the third day, he rose again from the dead by his own power and in the very same body with all its essential qualities in which he had suffered (but it was not subject to death and the other infirmities associated with this life), and it was truly united to his soul. By his resurrection, he plainly declared himself to be the Son of God, to have satisfied divine justice, to have conquered death as well as him who holds the power of death, and to be Lord of the living and the dead. He did all this as a general representative of humanity and as head of his church in order to justify believers, make them alive in his grace, support them against their enemies, and assure them that they too will be resurrected from the dead at the last day.

*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF SELF AND SERVICE

* Doxology:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN:

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

No. 349

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE:

God be with you 'til we meet again, if life's trials should confound you, God will put His arms around you: God be with you 'til we meet again.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. — Psalm 145:3

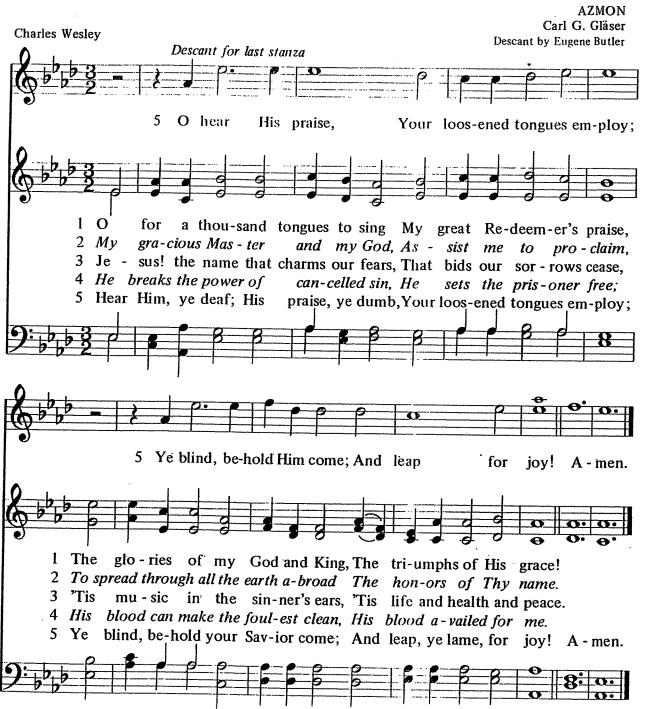


Thine Is the Glory

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.



My tongue shall speak . . . praise all the day long. -- Psalm 35:28



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SEPTEMBER 2021							
Fund	Mo	nthly Income	Monthly Expenses		Fund Balance		
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General Funds	\$	13,781.00	\$14,932.08		-\$2,859.47		
Dedicated Funds		\$485.00	\$405.00		\$29,900.24		

As for me and my house we will serve the Lord.

Joshua 24:15



Intercessory Prayer Group - gathers in the C.E. building on Tuesday at 10:00 AM; open to all. We are praying for weekly prayer requests along with other concerns as led by God's Spirit.

<u>Prayer Requests</u>: Email dreamstogo2@gmail.com or fill in a prayer request form and place it in the offering plate. Prayer requests for the following were received <u>this past week</u>; please include them in your prayers:

Lori Fritz, Matthew & Emily Hobaugh, Kristy Jackson, Brian Roche, Paul Ventrice, Glenn Wagner

On-Going Requests: Alimjan, Kim Bleichner, Barb Cant, Elfriede Christ, Michelle & Carly Craig, Flocker family, Tyler Gilpin, Larry Kalcevic, Mary Kass, Shawn King, Berl Lewis, Weston McConnell, Leah Meyer, Nan Neff, Mark Neuherz, Mary Riggleman, Tom Russell, Madelyn Ryan, Trystyn Skrinjorich, Helen Wagner, Linda Way, Rita Werner, Sally Wilhelm, Crystal Williams & family, Sue Yacura, our Home Churched, Round Hill Leaders, our Pastor & Support Staff, Growth of the congregation of Round Hill Church, Children & Teens at Round Hill, New Life Options, Young Life, President Biden & Governing Leaders

Military: Aaron Baumann, Ben Christenson, Philip Damer, Jeremy Ferrence, Blake Flocker, Corey Hobaugh, Matthew Hobaugh, Geoff Horvath, Jason Lere, CC Dixon-McGrew, Madison McGrew, Michael Pasini, Noah Reed, Aerion Salas, Joram Stith, Carter Williams, Grayson Wonsettler, Samuel Wonsettler, and all those serving in the Armed Services

<u>College Students</u>: Kate Baron, Michael Danto III, Joram Stith, Morgan Winwood

<u>Prayers for POA Churches</u>: 1st Presbyterian Church of Beaver (Rev. Arnold)

Prayers for EPC Missionaries: Robert & Joyce (U. S./Middle East)

ANNOUNCEMENTS – OCTOBER 24, 2021

NEW LIFE OPTIONS PREGNANCY CENTER INVITES YOU TO THEIR 31st ANNUAL GALA BANQUET

Sunday, November 7th in the Sunset Room at the Vista,
95 Enterprise St., Elizabeth. Special guest speaker is Dan Kulpcomedian, actor, author, and pastor. Seating begins at 4:00 p.m. Dinner
and program 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. An opportunity to make a financial
gift will be extended. Dinner is complimentary (Sunday attire).
RSVP by October 28, 2021. For more information and to make
reservations see Bob Leggett.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES

This year's mission is to Send the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This is your opportunity to send the message of God's promise and love to a child. Fill the shoebox with items both practical (school and hygiene supplies) and fun (toys and sports items). Attach the label (age group and sex) to the box. Return the filled box to the church by Sunday, November 14th. The mission team will cover the shipping costs. The boxes are available in the foyer or, if you prefer, official plastic boxes may be purchased at Hobby Lobby.



SAVE YOUR CALENDARS!

Please bring those extra 2022 calendars that you get in the mail to Marilyn Christenson as she is collecting them for the Food Pantry.





The Food Pantry is requesting donations of pasta for the month of October. Please place these items either in the basket in the vestibule or drop them off in front of the Food Pantry door in the CE building. Thank you for helping those in need!

CHOIR, ANYONE?



The choir has room for you! If God has given you the gift of singing, please come and share it with us! Choir practice is now held on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. See Mayim Stith if you are interested or have any questions.

RECHARGE WITH US!

RECHARGE is a ministry of Round Hill Church, open to the whole community. On Wednesday evenings, from 6:00 to 8:00, we gather to share in a brief time of praise and worship, a light meal, and fellowship around the table. Following the meal there is time for fellowship to continue and for meeting with various groups, including choir practice, Bible studies, and more.

KIDS' CORNER

Kids of all ages are always welcome in our worship services, but the Kids' Corner is an area downstairs in the Fellowship Hall that is set up for kids who may find the worship service a bit too long, or otherwise need a break. There are books, toys, and puzzles available, and the service is simulcast on the big-screen TV nearby, so parents won't miss out. Feel free to take advantage of this area at any time!

BETHESDA'S ALL-CHRISTMAS FLEA MARKET

On Saturday, November 20th, from 8 a.m. till 2 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of the church, 314 Third Street in Elizabeth. Admission is free. There will be a large selection of items for sale including Christmas trees and wreaths, baskets, indoor and outdoor decorations, decorative items, etc. There is something for everyone!

A limited amount of homemade soups sold by the quart (broccoli cheese noodle, chicken corn chowder, chili, hot sausage, split pea w/ham, stuffed pepper, tortellini and vegetable) will be available "to go." No advance orders for the soup and chili. First come, first served.