

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting One Another

Prayer for Operation Christmas Child

Psalm 84:10–12

*Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.*

*For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does he withhold
from those whose walk is blameless.*

O LORD Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.

HYMN 121 ~ TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

Almighty Father give us a vision of a dying world
That needs Your love and care.

We see the need, the yearning for a Savior,
In Jesus' name, grant this our prayer.

**To be God's people in this place,
Live His goodness, share His grace,
Proclaim God's mercy through His Son,
Be His love to ev'ryone.**

And when we falter be Thou our comfort;
Guide us as Your children that our lives may be
A beacon in this darkness that surrounds us,
A light that others then may see.

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PRAYER

THY LOVING KINDNESS

Thy loving kindness is better than life.

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My lips shall praise Thee, thus will I bless Thee:

I will lift up my hands unto Thy name.

I lift my hands, Lord, unto Thy name.

I lift my hands, Lord, unto Thy name.

My lips shall praise Thee, thus will I bless Thee:

I will lift up my hands unto Thy name.

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WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR

Wonderful, merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and Friend.
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit, we long to embrace.
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

*You are the One that we praise,
You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for.
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own.
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne.
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

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GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

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Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong;"
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong;"
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks!

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Offering

YOUR GRACE STILL AMAZES ME

My faithful Father, enduring Friend.
Your tender mercy's like a river with no end.
It overwhelms me, covers my sin.
Each time I come into Your presence
I stand in wonder once again.

**Your grace still amazes me,
Your love is still a mystery.
Each day I fall on my knees,
'Cause Your grace still amazes me.
Your grace still amazes me.**

Oh, patient Savior, You make me whole.
You are the Author and the Healer of my soul.
What can I give You, Lord, what can I say?
I know there's no way to repay You,
Only to offer You my praise.

**Your grace still amazes me,
Your love is still a mystery.
Each day I fall on my knees,
'Cause Your grace still amazes me.
Your grace still amazes me.**

It's deeper, it's wider,
It's stronger, it's higher.
It's deeper, it's wider,
It's stronger, it's higher,
Than anything
My eyes can see.

**Your grace still amazes me,
Your love is still a mystery.
Each day I fall on my knees,
'Cause Your grace still amazes me.
Your grace still amazes me.**

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Prayer

HOW NOT TO PRAY & HOW TO PRAY

Matthew 6:5-8

I. PRAYERS THAT FALTER (6:5)

- A. Haughty Pray-ers (5a)
 - 1. *They are Counterfeit*
 - 2. *They are Cunning*
 - 3. *They are Conceited*
- B. Hollow Pray-ers (5b)

II. PRAYERS THAT FLOURISH (6:6)

- A. Seeking God's Face (6a)
 - 1. *Preparing*
 - 2. *Posturing*
 - 3. *Praying*
- B. Sensing God's Favor (6b)
 - 1. *The Relationship*
 - 2. *The Reality*
 - 3. *The Reward*

III. PRAYERS THAT FAIL (6:7)

- A. Faulty Method of Praying (7a)
- B. Faulty Means of Praying (7b)
- C. Faulty Mindset for Praying (7c)

IV. PRAYERS THAT FULFILL (6:8)

- A. We are Different (8a)
- B. We are Dearly-Loved (8b)
 - 1. *Who: Your Father*
 - 2. *What: Your Needs*
 - 3. *When: Your Asking*

HYMN 596 ~ COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS (1, 4)
When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings - name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Count your blessings - name them one by one.
Count your blessings - see what God has done.
Count your blessings - name them one by one.
Count your many blessings - see what God has done.

So amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged - God is over all.
Count your many blessings - angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

Announcements

Operation Christmas Child: *November 17*

Please return your "packed" shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child to the church on November 17.

Diaper Shower: *November 17*

Virgil and Heidi are excited to welcome another grandchild (sometime in December), so we are planning a Diaper Shower for Isaac and Mady (Griffith) DeHerrera. They plan to use the "Dyper" brand diapers from Walmart and Huggies Natural Care or Simple Clean baby wipes.

Youth Group: *November 17, 11:00 am*

The Middle School/High School Youth Group will meet after today's Worship Service. Emma Stone has offered to lead this study, so please talk with her if you have any questions.

Men's Fellowship: *November 20, 7:00 am*

Men's Fellowship meets on Wednesday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. We meet at 7:00 a.m. and are continuing a study of Elijah's ministry in 2 Kings 2:23.

Heavenly Heartbeats: *November 20, 5:30 pm*

The women's Bible study will meet on November 20 at 5:30 p.m. We will be starting a new study on 1 and 2 Peter. Contact Arlene Weimer 970-380-6041 for more information.

Praise Team Rehearsal: *November 20, 7:00 pm*

The Praise Team will rehearse this Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Thanksgiving Dinner: *November 24, 11:00 am*

Our annual, church family Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Sunday, November 24, following the Worship Service. Tina Mateo will be putting a list of needed items on the Prayer Chain.

Willow Women's Bible Study: *November 25, 4:30 pm*

We will be studying Max Lucado's "Experiencing the Heart of Jesus." We plan to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at Willow Coffee and Bake Shop in Brush. Contact Heidi Griffith or Arlene Weimer for questions and to get your workbook.

Home Bible Study: *November 26, 5:30 pm*

The Home Bible Study will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of November. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on November 26 and are studying the life of Joseph in Genesis 44.

Christmas Decorating: *December 1, 11:00 am*

We plan to decorate the church for Christmas following the Worship Service on December 1. All help is so valuable and appreciated! Please visit with Debra Tolson, Kathy Wilgenburg, or Rae Ellen Windsheimer if you have questions.

Offerings

Thank you so very much for your faithful giving. Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at www.iechurch.org.