

Welcome To Hillcrest Presbyterian Church
A Service For The Worship Of God
Commitment Sunday

November 18, 2018

We give thanks that God has called us to worship together.

***Opening Hymn #487**

When Morning Guilds The Sky

A Word of Welcome and Announcements

Call To Worship

Leader: Let our hearts exult in the Lord;

People: Let our strength be exalted in God.

Leader: Let our mouths be ever fixed in praise;

People: God has given us the victory.

Leader: There is no Holy One like the Lord;

People: there is no Rock like our God.

Unison: Let us celebrate Gods love together

Hymn: Oh, Draw Me, Lord

Selah

Oh, draw me, Lord

Oh, draw me, Lord

Oh, draw me, Lord

And I'll run after You

Repeat 5x

Affirmation Of Faith

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; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits 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. Amen.

Call To Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins before one another and to God, from whom our help comes.

Prayer Of Confession

O God, who is faithful and just in all things, we have failed to help those who have little while we have much. We are boastful and haughty, and fail to appreciate the gifts you have given. Our arrogance has led us away from your righteous way. Forgive us, Merciful God, and lead us to a humble path, for Jesus' sake.

(Silent Confession) — In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Church, listen closely: the Lord is loving, merciful, and just in all things. Because of the forgiveness that God has brought through Jesus Christ, we can be reconciled to God and to one another, that we might walk in peace and love.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God

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.

Passing The Peace Of Christ

Leader: *As a forgiven people, let us share the peace of Christ
The Peace Of Christ Be With You.*

People: And Also With You.

Leader: *Let us turn and greet one another*

Minute For Mission: Skyler Martin - Days of Hope Ministry

A Time With Our Children

The children are invited to come forward. Afterward the children are excused to go to children's church

Hymn #554

Let All Things Now Living

Prayers Of The People and Lord's Prayer

(You are invited to share out loud your prayer concerns and joys)

Leader: Lord in you mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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.

Prayer Response Hymn #325 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

Spirit divine, attend our prayers,
And make this house your home;
Descend with all your gracious powers;
O come, great Spirit, come!

Offering (let us present our Offerings, Tithes and Gifts to the Lord)

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Choral Anthem

Find In Me A Thankful Heart

Scripture

Mark 13:1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Hebrews 10:19-25

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full

assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Sermon

Rev. Jack Cormack

Bringing Forward of Our Commitments

Hymn: Redeemed

Seems like all I could see was the struggle

Haunted by ghosts that lived in my past

Bound up in shackles of all my failures

Wondering how long is this gonna last

Then You look at this prisoner and say to me "son

Stop fighting a fight it's already been won"

I am redeemed, You set me free

So I'll shake off these heavy chains

Wipe away every stain, now I'm not who I used to be

I am redeemed, I'm redeemed

All my life I have been called unworthy

Named by the voice of my shame and regret

But when I hear You whisper, "Child lift up your head"

I remember, oh God, You're not done with me yet

Big Daddy Weave

I am redeemed, You set me free

So I'll shake off these heavy chains

Wipe away every stain, now I'm not who I used to be

Because I don't have to be the old man inside of me

'Cause his day is long dead and gone

Because I've got a new name, a new life, I'm not the same

And a hope that will carry me home

I am redeemed, You set me free

So I'll shake off these heavy chains

Wipe away every stain, 'cause I'm not who I used to be

I am redeemed, You set me free

So I'll shake off these heavy chains

Wipe away every stain, yeah, I'm not who I used to be

Oh, God, I'm not who I used to be

Jesus, I'm not who I used to be

'Cause I am redeemed
Thank God, redeemed*

*Charge and Benediction

*Response

God be with you till we meet again,
By His counsels guide, up hold you,
With His sheep securely fold you
God be with you till we meet again.

*=Those for whom it is comfortable are invited to stand

Rev. Jack Cormack
Jennifer McCullough
Jo Lynne Palmerton

Pastor
Director of Music
Pianist



Hello friends and family,

We are in Naung Shwe and not only is internet spotty, but so is electricity. Hope I can get this out before we lose it again.

It's been an amazing few days. After my last post we went to a fun feet benefiting Myanmar Institute of Christian Theology. There were 22 churches with booths and a



bunch more organizations and clubs. Jim was a little bummed he couldn't eat his way through the place because we had dinner plans with our friend Maung Maung Yin. It was fun anyway.

Sunday, we visited the free clinic at Ywama Church. There are 5 doctors, 5 nurses, a dentist, a surgeon - all volunteers! On Thursday evening there is a renowned skin specialist that people from all over Myanmar come to see. The clinic sees around 100 patients every Sunday morning .and the same amount every Thursday evening. The clinic was started in 2003 and we've been helping from the beginning. The main problems they are seeing are hypertension, diabetes, and skin diseases. We had been to visit Dr. Lillian and Dr. Mary on Saturday. These two elderly women were instrumental in the founding of the clinic. Dr. Lillian has a new pacemaker and Dr. Mary needs one. We need to try to help her get one. She only has a small pension.

After church service I had to give a short sermon to the women 's fellowship. It was probably the shortest they've ever had. The subject was God's plan for each of us. I used myself as an example and told about not having any children of my own, but God led me to my children in the orphanage. As nervous as I was, God got me through the sermon. I even had at least one woman cry.

After lunch we met Theingi Htoon - one of the girls we are helping to support through nursing school. A very sweet girl who will probably follow with midwifery school before going home to her remote village.

Monday was travel day. At breakfast we met a man from Australia who sets up Christian schools for girls had been caught up in sex trafficking. Very interesting. Works mostly in Nepal. We spent the evening with our friends Gu and U Khaing. Nice and relaxing.

Our guest house has the best Mohinga in Myanmar. It's a traditional breakfast soup. We also get to hear the howling dog chorus every morning. I think every dog in town joins in!

Tuesday we got to spend the day with Daw May Shwe and Bella at the orphanage. We visited both houses and the farm. I was grateful that U Khaing was with us to give some advice to Daw Mya Shwe about the farm. There is a young Kachin man and his wife and child (and one on the way) staying at the farm in exchange for working it. They left their home in upper Shan state to escape the fighting. He and his wife are skilled basket weavers but don't have the money to buy



supplies. I think we will give him a lak (about \$66) so he can get some and start making money for his growing family. When the children got home from school we got to take pictures and interact with them. We met a couple of men from Belgium who brought a pair of crutches for a seven-year-old girl who has frozen knees and twisted ankles. A lady from Tiawan is going to pay for surgery to correct the girl's deformities. There are 146 children at the orphanage. Aged 5 to 23. All in school, including 6 at the university. It costs 60,000 kyats (about \$45) for tutoring and 95,000 kyats (about \$60) for university fees each month.

Today (Wednesday) we went to Pangtequa where Uncle Bill had his farm. We met with the Paoh convention. It was a good meeting. The Paoh were very open and relaxed. We heard about their plans for the next year. The Old Testament translation project will, hopefully, be completed in 2020! There was a big new church at the site. Still needs about 100 laks (around \$6,600) to finish. Gu tells me I have to lead worship tomorrow with the Paoh women's group. Those who know me know how much I hate to talk in public. Thank God I have Gu to help me along. Pray for me please. After that harrowing experience, we will go visit the Bible school. A long day tomorrow. So much to do and so little time to do it. Thanks again for your prayers and support.



Nancy and Jim

A graphic featuring a close-up of a clock face on the left side, with the numbers 10, 11, 12, and 1 visible. The right side has a teal background with white text. The text reads: "NEW SERVICE TIME LAUNCHING DECEMBER 2ND". Below this, a white-bordered box contains the text: "SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00AM" and "WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00AM".

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Liturgist
Kyle Miller

Fellowship Hosts
Regina Ice & Bob & Sally Hosiner

In Our Prayers
Our homebound: Harold Hiser, John Tranbarger, Fran Stansbury and Gusta Zweerink.

Shirley Hackett, Nancy Hackett's mother, is in the hospital.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY
Karen Robertson, November 19
Keating Heslin, November 19

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY
Kyle & Lindsey Miller, November 22

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18
Commitment Sunday
Discipleship Committee Meeting during fellowship

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20
Book Club, 7:00pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22
Community Thanksgiving Dinner,
Serving 11:30am – 2:00pm
Meals on Wheels, Barbara Garten

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25
Hanging of the Greens

Van Driver: Garry Hill
Nursery: Heather & Jeremy Heslin
Sound: Garry Hill
Building Monitor: Norm Meester
Greeter: Dan Wood

Ongoing Missions:

Food Pantry
Meals on Wheels
Rare Breed meals
Ronald McDonald House meals

The Food Pantry needs:
Canned Meat Jelly
Crackers Peanut Butter

THE CHURCH SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 10:00AM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:00AM BEGINNING DECEMBER 2, 2018.



Crosslines will again collect lightly to moderately used coats for both

children and adults in need of protection against the cold this winter. We will take the coats to Glo cleaners for free cleaning prior to delivery to Crosslines.



Last Week:

We collected \$3.61 which means as a congregation we own 14.44 bicycles

This week's challenge:

10¢ for each tree in your yard

Next Week's challenge:

2¢ for every can of soda in your fridge

Today is commitment Sunday. Please consider your passion, assets, abilities, and creativity when filling out the card. Take time to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us in our commitment.

Next Sunday we will be hanging the greens. Please stay after service to help hang the Christmas decorations. We will serve a light lunch. We will have the hanging of the greens service on December 2nd.

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