

Family Information

From The Elders & Ministers

While we pray and hope for "normal" church service life to resume at some point in 2021, we do not know when that will be, so please continue to practice safety and caution. When we meet in person, we will maintain all safety features until otherwise noted: mandatory face masks throughout the service, seating in every other pew, service approximately 1 hour, starting at 10:00 a.m., and dismissal by sections, starting in the back. We will have individual cups with bread on top packed and ready for each of you as you come into the foyer. Instead of a collection/contribution time, we will have a contribution plate where you can leave your contribution. Bulletins will not be printed. They will be on our website.

For further guidelines and details, please check with the elders.

Northland Child Care Teachers Needed

Northland Child Care is in need of teachers. We have an excellent program and will help you to get your necessary training courses and CDA certificate as you work. If you are interested or know of anyone interested please have them call Jamie at (614) 410-5861.

Calendar

On-Line Sunday Afternoon Bible Class

In the Sunday afternoon on-line Bible class, the current series is "Trust In The Lord With All Your Heart" (based on Proverbs 3). The studies are being taught by Mark G., Phil S., Steve C., and Leon N. This week, Steve will teach the class, beginning at 2:00 PM, and everyone is welcome to join.

More On-Line Studies

Every other Friday at 7:00 PM, next session February 26 - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. Contact him for details about the next session.

Wednesday evenings after 7:00 PM - Pre-recorded Instagram Devotional by Caleb Dillinger will be available. Contact him for details.

Mondays at 7:00 PM - Women's prayer group, hosted by Peggy Kaiser. Contact her for details. If you aren't able to join, you can e-mail prayer requests to Peggy.

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM - Women's Bible study, "Abide In Christ", led by Karen Susenna. Contact her for more details.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$5029	\$4863
Designated:	\$557	\$144
Scholarship Fund Current Balance	\$ 338	

Adjusted Service Times

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship
12:00 PM Sunday Ghana Worship
3:00 PM Sunday Spanish worship

Classes and devotionals are Currently meeting on-line

Minister: Caleb Dillinger
Elders: Mike Evans, Jeff McVicker, Jim Robbins
Deacons: Lynn Champney, Perry Coate, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep, Jack Evans, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva
Spanish Ministry: Elmer Renderos, Luis Valdez

In This Hope

We ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. - Romans 8:23-24

Our Heavenly Father has given us the firstfruits of his Spirit, who lives within us; Jesus promises us eternal life with our Creator, and in this hope we turned to the Lamb of God. Jesus came to tell us of blessings that cannot fade or disappear, and in this hope we follow him. Our spirits groan as we patiently endure this world's empty ways, for God renews us inwardly as we walk by faith - *But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. - Romans 8:24-25*

Late in Leo Tolstoy's life, the renowned author became convinced of the truth of Jesus, and he found a hope he hadn't known before, as he writes, "In the midst of winter, I find within me the invisible summer." Similarly, the message of Jesus brings hope that transcends this world's confusion and empty promises; it reassures us that God knows our weaknesses and our needs - *In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us. - Romans 8:26*

When we open our hearts to our Heavenly Father, he helps us understand his words; as we fix our minds on things above, God gives us a hope in things that worldly eyes cannot see. French writer Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (1900-1944) uses this example of hope: "If you want to build a ship, don't herd people together to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea."

God has adopted us as his own sons and daughters, we have been redeemed by the Lamb of God, and God graciously pours out the endless harvest of his heavenly pasture on those who walk in the light of his Son - *He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? - Romans 8:32*

Through Jesus, God gives us everything our souls need, spiritual blessings beyond human logic to grasp. As poet Mary Oliver wrote, "Keep some room in your heart for the unimaginable", for Jesus brings us the gift of his Spirit, the complete cleansing of every sin we've ever committed, an eternal home with our Heavenly Father, blessings unimaginable to earthly minds.

Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. - Romans 8:34

The message of Jesus, who died for us and was raised from the tomb, is full of grace and truth, and it brings us enduring hope.

- Mark Garner



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Hymn

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And I'm content;
Naught can be amiss to me,
For thy helping hand I see,
Light'ning loads that heavy be;
And I'm content.

Lord I've put my trust in thee,
And I'm content;
Whatsoe'er my lot may be,
I have faith to rest in thee,
'Though my way I may not see;
And I'm content.

Lord I feel thy Presence near,
And I'm content;
In thy care, I know not fear,
'Though the Tempter's voice I hear;
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- Priscilla Jane Thompson
(1871-1942)

Immanuel, God With Us

Jesus is the Son of God, our Lord and Savior, the Lamb of God; he is also called Immanuel, God with us. This week, Franklin Agyei writes about the refuge, strengthening, and peace God gives us.

God Our Fortress

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. - Isaiah 41:10 NIV

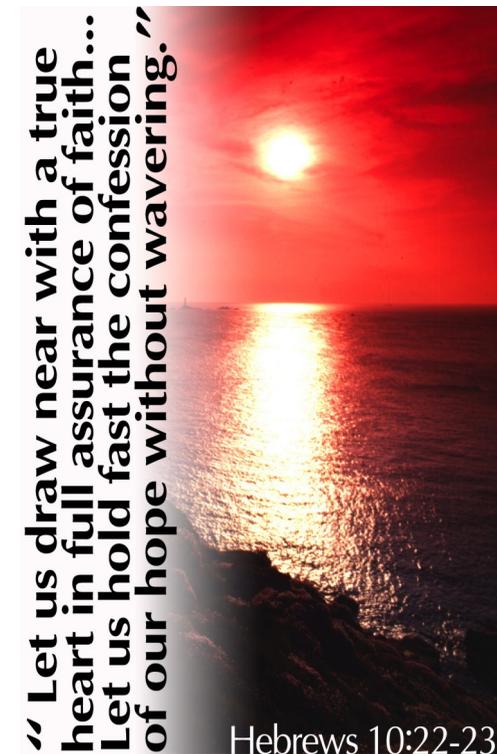
As God promised to be with His children, His word never fails.

We should not fear nor dismay, for The Lord Almighty is our stronghold.
He gives us strength when we are weak (Isaiah 40:31).
He lifts us up when we are down (Psalm 145:14).

In times of troubles, difficulties and attacks, God is our refuge, our fortress and our strength.

May the peace of God continue to be with us now and forever . . . Amen.

- Franklin Agyei



“ Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith... Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering.”

Hebrews 10:22-23