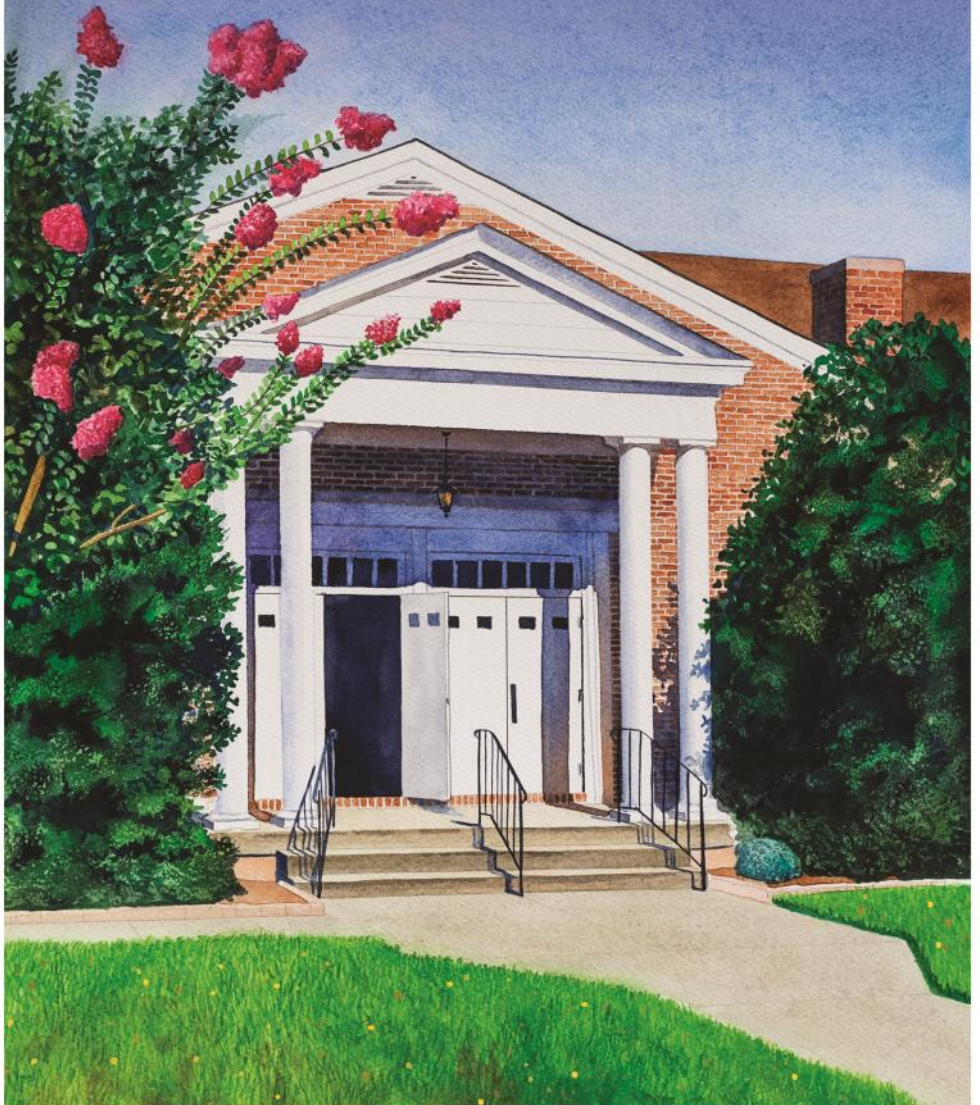


# LIBERTY

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## ***Morning Worship Service***

*November 7, 2021*

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Silent Reflection & Meditation**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Nehemiah 8:1-10

#### **\*Invocation**

#### **\*Celebratory Hymn**

#164

#### **God Himself Is with Us**

God himself is with us: let us now adore him, and with awe appear before him.  
God is in his temple—all within keep silence,  
prostrate lie with deepest rev'ence.  
Him alone God we own, him, our God and Savior; praise his name forever.

God himself is with us: hear the harps resounding!  
See the crowds the throne surrounding!  
“Holy, holy, holy”—hear the hymn ascending,  
angels, saints, their voices blending!  
Bow thine ear to us here: hear, O Christ, the praises  
that thy church now raises.

O thou fount of blessing, purify my spirit; trusting only in thy merit,  
like the holy angels who behold thy glory, may I ceaselessly adore thee,  
and in all, great and small, seek to do most nearly what thou lovest dearly.

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**Please turn off or silence your cell phone.**

**\*Those who are able, please stand.**

**Confession of Faith**      Heidelberg Catechism #26

Question: What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?"

*Ans: I believe that the eternal Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by His eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father for the sake of Christ his Son.*

*I Trust God so I do not doubt that he will provide whatever I need for body and soul and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this vale of tears.*

*He is able to do this because he is almighty God; he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.*

**Confession of Sin**

*Lord God, we are a sinful people, and we are often lazy when it comes to our relationship with you. We claim busyness, or our inability to manage the time that you give us, as an excuse for not drawing nearer to you. We are often distrustful of your good and perfect will for our lives, and sometimes we treat you as only a passing acquaintance.*

*Lord, forgive us for our slothfulness and renew in us a desire to have a deeper relationship with you.*

*Heavenly Father, help us to follow the example of Christ himself, as he sought you out and spent much time in prayer and communion with you. Help us to remember that we will need to give an account of how we spent our time. Help us Lord, to be faithful witnesses of your grace and love in our work and also in our rest and leisure.*

*Father in Heaven, renew us with your Holy Spirit so that we grow closer to you, and also so that we may know your mind, and knowing your mind, may better do your will.*

*We ask this of you in the precious name of your Son, Christ Jesus, who gave up his life so that we might have a right relationship with you. Amen.*

**Silent Confession**

## Words of Assurance

Psalm 103:1-5

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### \*Hymn of Praise

Jesus Messiah

Chris Tomlin

Praise Team

He became sin, who knew no sin  
That we might become His Righteousness  
He humbled himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing, love so amazing!

#### *Chorus:*

*Jesus Messiah, Name above all names*

*Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel*

*The rescue for sinners; the ransom from Heaven*

*Jesus Messiah, Lord of all*

His body the bread, His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing, love so amazing! (*chorus*)

All our hope is in You (2x)

All the glory to You, God the light of the world (*chorus*)

### Supporting Scripture Reading

Matthew 24:4-14

Dave Tracht

## Hymn of Praise

Praise Team

### *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse

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, hopelessly lost the way.

### **Chorus**

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.

## Shepherding Prayer

RE Chuck Klein

## Offertory

Choir

Alas, and Did my Savior Bleed?  
Watts, Curry

## Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

[Children ages 4-2nd grade are dismissed for Wonders of Worship.]

## **\*Reading of Scripture**

TE Arch Van Devender

Revelation 11:1-14

Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. 2 But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months. 3 And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth. 5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. 6 These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

7 When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. 8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. 9 Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. 10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

11 Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. 13 In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

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*We love to have children in the worship service.*

*As parents train their children to worship God corporately, the nursery or cry room may be used, as needed, if you feel your child is becoming too restless and vocal.*

“Witness(es) for the Prosecution”

**\*Hymn of Invitation**

#252

**This Is My Father’s World**

This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears,  
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father’s world: rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.  
This is my Father’s world: he shines in all that’s fair;  
in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev’rywhere.

This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father’s world: the battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav’n be one.

**Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

**\*Hymn of Response**

#250

**I Sing the Almighty Power of God**

I sing th’almighty pow’r of God that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;  
he formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how your wonders are displayed where’er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There’s not a plant or flow’r below but makes your glories known;  
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;  
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,  
and ev’rywhere that man can be, you, God, are present there.

## **\*Benediction**

## **\*Hymn of Glory**

Doxology

## **Postlude**

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** will be administered today. We are exhorted in Scripture to be reconciled one to another, in all humility, as we prepare to rejoice together in our reconciliation to the Father through Jesus Christ by one Spirit. Our Mercy Needs offering will be received today along with our general offering. Please designate your check accordingly.

## **Sermon Notes**

**Fallen Condition Focus:** The willful anger of man directed toward God will, sooner or later, focus on God's Church, for it stands firm "before the God of the earth." This anger, expressed in doing harm, only brings doom on those who do so because the Spirit-indwelt Church will persevere even to apparent death.

**Main Point of Sermon:** The two witnesses must be viewed as corporate entities. Each is symbolized by two objects: the two olive trees and the two lampstands. Both symbols generally represent God's true covenant people and thus His abiding witness in the world. God's Church will prove more than resilient under persecution and outright efforts to bring about its extinction, but at some point, the evil powers of the world, as they did at Christ's crucifixion, will appear to be triumphant. The Wisdom and Power of God though, as it did with Christ, will bring about victory over death for His Church as it did with the Church's Lord.



## Sermon Notes (continued)

# Liberty Announcements

## THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

A Thanksgiving Eve service will be held on Wednesday, November 24th at 6:30pm. This will be an uplifting service of praise and thanksgiving for all of God's blessings.

(In an effort to include all ages in this time of giving thanks, there will be no official childcare. The Nursery and Cry Room will be available for parents to use as needed.)



## PASTOR SEARCH PRAYER SUPPORT CREW

God has given us the privilege to seek Him and His wisdom and guidance through prayer. As our Pulpit Search committee is formed and begins the work ahead, we know that it is essential to cover them with our prayers for God's timing and direction and for Him to grant energy and endurance for the task. As the Search Committee commits their time to this job, we can support them by committing to pray faithfully. A small prayer crew has begun to assemble. To join the crew, contact Peggy Walker, 410 493 8733.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please consider volunteering as a...

- **A volunteer for Nursery** (volunteer once every 6 weeks during the Sunday morning worship service)
- **teacher or helper for Wonders of Worship** (once a month commitment on Sunday morning during the sermon beginning November 14)
- **female leader for Pioneer Girls** (Wednesday night ministry for girls Pre-K through 5th grade beginning ASAP)

For more information, contact Sarah Crowe [scrowe@libertychurchpca.org](mailto:scrowe@libertychurchpca.org)

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED from within Liberty's membership** who would be willing to take the Financial Secretary responsibility, please contact Brian Moran for additional information. This position, which requires approval by Liberty's congregation at our January Congregational meeting, includes a paid stipend of \$2,500 per year.

## CHURCH WORK DAY

There will be a church work day on Saturday, November 13th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. We will be taking down small trees. Call Tommy Crone for more information 410-428-4262.

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Meets on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

## **ADULT CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Adult Choir meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. Children's Choir meets on Sundays immediately after church in the choir room.

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Ladies Class/The book of Joshua	Fellowship Hall	Joyce Klein
The Life of David class	Fellowship Hall	Phil Lambooy

Reading assignment chapter 1 and chapter 2 in 2nd Samuel.

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE CHANGE**

On Sunday, November 14, all adults and youth are invited to Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am to hear a report from Hannah Cate, who has been teaching English in an Asian country for the past several years.

## **A NOTE REGARDING THE CHURCH LIBRARY**

We found new books this week so now the last of the donated books are in the coatroom. They will be there until November 14th. Please take anything that is of interest! Remember; cold weather is coming. What better way to spend those cold winter months than with a good book.

## **Open Hearts Ministry News:**

We are organizing our additional space in the closet with the food pantry. We could use helpers on the work day November 13th to continue the work we started. No more clothing or shoe donations are needed for the closet, but please stay tuned for a Christmas giving opportunity with Open Hearts!

## **NEEDS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY**

Pasta, jelly/jam, shampoo, condiments, laundry soap

## Community Announcements

### LCS VETERANS DAY MISSIONS PROJECT

Our LCS Students will be participating in a special Veterans Day Chapel on Wednesday, November 10th and will also be working on a Missions project to honor those currently serving in the military overseas. Students will be creating/writing cards and assembling boxes to send to those serving our country for Christmas. *LCS is accepting donations of candy, decks of cards, etc. as well as handwritten notes/cards too by Monday, November 15th. Please place your items in the baskets labelled "LCS Missions Project" or drop them off at the school office. If you have a family member or friend serving overseas, please email Robin Moran, moranr@libertychristian.us so we can send them a package too!* Our students, staff, parents, and soldiers are all blessed by sharing the joy of Christmas.

### LCS Open House

Are you considering LCS for your child for the 2022 - 2023 school year, or know of a family member, friend or neighbor shopping for a new school. LCS will hold an Open House on Tuesday, November 16th from 6-8 p.m. Register to attend at <https://www.libertychristianschoolmd.com/>

### LCS Fundraiser

LCS is selling Gift Cards for the Christmas season. Not sure what to get that special someone? Need a gift card that's hard to find? Look no further! Complete the order form on the back table with the Scrip Payment Summary page and submit with your payment of cash or check to the school office. You may pay using a credit card for an additional 3.5%. Pick up forms on the back table or print them from the weekly email. The deadline to order is Tuesday, November 30th. Cards will be ready for pick up beginning December 17th. Thanks in advance for supporting this LCS Fundraiser!



National Collection Week  
NOV. 15-22, 2021



## SEND SHOEBOX GIFTS AND THE GOSPEL TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

**We would prefer boxes to be returned by Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. Sunday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> will be the absolute last day for collection at Liberty. Boxes can also be dropped off during the week in the church office.**

**For more information, see the bulletin board downstairs or email Sarah Crowe at [scrowe@libertychurchpca.org](mailto:scrowe@libertychurchpca.org)**

## Living Stones Youth Ministry @ Liberty

Liberty's Youth Ministry (known as "Living Stones") is designed for students 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades w/ occasional events for younger children.

Our goal is to build up the character of our youth, by exploring biblical truth and how this truth impacts our lives and how we interact with and see the world. We seek to come along side of parents to support them in strengthening the faith of our young people, pointing to belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as our only hope for salvation and everlasting life.

It is our ardent prayer that the youth at Liberty grow deeper in relationship with God and begin to take ownership of their faith as they grow, in order that they remain in the church as they navigate their lives and eventually come to raise and lead their own families in truth.

Our Fall 2021 focus will be on the parables of Jesus.

What is the context of the parable?

Who was the intended audience? Was there more than one?

What can we learn from these parables as individuals?

What can we apply from these parables to the church?

How do these parables help us to interpret the world around us?

We hope that your student will join us as we explore and challenge ideas!

1 Peter 2:5

*Dave Tracht*

*Liberty Youth Director*



## Children's Ministry @ Liberty

**Nursery** is available for walking 12 month olds through 3 years of age in the Noah's Ark room downstairs. We have a "Healthy Child Policy" in place to protect our volunteers & children.

**Wonders of Worship** takes place during the sermon on Sunday mornings

**Children's Sunday School** takes place from 9:30-10:30am Sunday mornings

***Interested in volunteering now or in the future? Please contact Sarah!***

Sarah Crowe, Nursery & Children's Ministry Director  
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Dave Tracht, Youth & Family Ministry Director  
[dtracht@libertychurchpca.org](mailto:dtracht@libertychurchpca.org)

## **Living Stones Fall 2021 Schedule**

- 11/12> Regular Meeting @ Liberty
- 11/19-20> Youth Retreat @ Liberty
- 11/26> \*No Meeting (Thanksgiving Weekend)
- 12/3> Regular Meeting @ Liberty
- 12/10> Regular Meeting @ Liberty
- 12/17> Regular Meeting @ Liberty
- 12/24> \*No Meeting (Christmas Eve service)
- 12/31> \*No Meeting (New Year's Eve)

### **Are you interested in supporting our youth ministry?**

You can sponsor a student to attend a retreat or event by going to:

<https://libertychurchpca.org/ministries/youth-ministry/>

*Sponsoring our youth to attend these events is a meaningful way to come along side our families and the youth ministry here at Liberty. We thank you for considering supporting us in this meaningful way.*

### **Are you willing to cook for the youth?**

*We are also looking for folks to volunteer to provide meals for our Friday meetings. Please contact Dave if you are interested in helping in this way!*

## Prayer List

### **For our church family and needs in the body:**

- Pray for Donna Roberts who is having a procedure this week. Pray for a good outcome.
- Pray for Carolyn Bauer who broke her back and is in the Health Care Center at Carroll Lutheran Village.
- Pray for Mary Caldwell who is in Brinton Woods for rehab. Please pray for healing. Feel free to visit, call or send cards.
- Pray for Rose Hofmann as she undergoes treatments for cancer.
- Pray for healing for Jan Duty and Val Thomas.

### **For extended family, friends and others:**

- Pray for peace and comfort for Amy Smith and her family on the loss of Chuck. If you would like to send a card to Amy, her address is 5269 Freter Rd, Sykesville, MD 21784.
- Pray for the spiritual health of marriages and families within the Body.
- Pray for a recovery of our economy in the United States and Worldwide and that businesses will be able to find and hire the needed workers for their job openings.
- Pray for first responders and our military and their families spiritual, emotional and physical health.
- Pray for God to protect, guide, rescue, and comfort Afghan Christians, US citizens, and US allies from the life threatening situations they face.
- Pray for repentance and revival in our country that many people would come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior.

### **For Liberty Christian School:**

- A big thank you to all that supported the "Fallin' Into Fun" community event with candy donations and special thank you to our volunteers! We could not have done it without you!
- LCS students will be hosting Parents Day on Thursday, November 11th. The school is thankful to be able to celebrate this and other LCS traditions in person this year.
- Please be in prayer for the "Lion's Den"..... a small group of church members, faculty/staff and parents that meet on Wednesdays each week in prayer for each LCS student, faculty/staff and school board member.



## **For Our Missionaries:**

Please pray for the following missionaries and their ministries:

**Baltimore Antioch Leadership Movement (BALM)** as they seek to multiply Christ-centered, cross-cultural, disciple-making leaders for Baltimore and beyond:

- Pray that God would kindle revival in and around the three churches BALM is working with: Grace Presbyterian, Abbott Memorial, and City of Hope.
- Praise God that Maria Garriott's book, *Stronger Together: A Gospel Lens on Unity*, has just been released. It shows how to help equip the church to pursue unity and engage our diverse world with the gospel. Pray that God will use it to grow and unite His church.
- BSA (Baltimore Sports Academy), a part of BALM's ministry, partners with churches to provide training, mentoring, and academic support to youth in at-risk neighborhoods. Praise God for providing one van for the ministry. Pray that God would raise up one additional gym space, one more van, and 10 volunteers & 2 assistant coaches to support youths in their sports, academics, and spiritual development.
- Pray that God will raise up donors to meet their \$120,00 shortfall in their 2021 budget.

**Alpha Pregnancy Center** in Reisterstown requests:

Praise to God for:

- The 37 babies born into Alpha's family this year
- The wonderful success of their Fall fundraiser & silent auction
- Faithfully meeting their needs

Pray for:

- Size 4 diapers, wipes, larger size winter clothes: 18 months-4T
- The health of their staff & volunteers
- New toys for their clients for Christmas

<b>Volunteer Schedule</b>		
	<b>November 7</b>	<b>November 14</b>
<b>Security</b>	Tom Crone	Charlie Hancock
<b>Nursery</b>	Margaret Lambooy/Beth Wheatley	Robin Moran/Erin Weitzel
<b>WOW</b>	Candice Walker/Hannah Watkins	TBA

<b>Small Group Information - All Are Welcome; call to get more information</b>			
Group	Contact	Contact Info	Meeting Date
Catonsville	Erin Tracht	Erin.tracht@gmail.com	TBD
Sykesville	Don Wheatley	410-549-0730	1st & 3rd Mondays
Reisterstown/ Owings Mills	Charlotte Crone	410-356-3189	2nd Friday
Randallstown	Candice Walker	410-917-6238	2nd Sunday after Church
Woodstock	Chuck Klein	410-655-3753	3rd Friday

## Weekly Calendar

<p>Sun <b>7</b> November</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Adult &amp; Children's Sunday School - 9:30 am</li> <li>◆ Worship Service - 10:45 am</li> <li>◆ Children's choir - 12:30pm</li> </ul>
<p>Mon <b>8</b> November</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ FMC, Property, &amp; Mercy Needs Committee Meetings - 7:00 pm</li> </ul>
<p>Tues <b>9</b> November</p>	
<p>Wed <b>10</b> November</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Prayer Meeting - 6:00 pm</li> <li>◆ CSB Stockade - 6:30 pm at LCS</li> <li>◆ Adult Choir Practice - 7:00 pm</li> <li>◆ Men's Bible Study - 7:00 pm</li> </ul>
<p>Thurs <b>11</b> November</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Ladies Bible Study - 7:00 pm</li> </ul>
<p>Fri <b>12</b> November</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Living Stones/Youth Group Meeting</li> </ul>
<p>Sat <b>13</b> November</p>	
<p>Sun <b>14</b> November</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Adult &amp; Children's Sunday School - 9:30 am</li> <li>◆ Worship Service - 10:45 am</li> <li>◆ Preferred deadline for Samaritan's Purse Christmas Gifts</li> <li>◆ Children's choir - 12:30pm</li> </ul>

Deadline for announcements for the bulletin is Thursday morning at 9:00 am. If you have an important or time-sensitive announcement after the cutoff time, a brief announcement can be made from the pulpit.



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