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Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost – November 21, 2021

THE GATHERING

Prelude (10:45) *How Can I Keep From Singing* - Mocklebust Chancel Ringers

Welcome Claire Baer

Please let us know you're here by texting FCC to 77411.

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship Jeanette Showalter

Opening Hymn *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* – vs. 1 & 2 No. 718

***Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.***

***All the blessings of the field, all the stores of gardens yield,
all the fruits in full supply, ripened 'neath the summer sky,
all the spring with bounteous hand scatters o'er the smiling land,
all that liberal autumn pours from its rich o'er-flowing stores.***

Opening Prayer Claire Baer

THE PROCLAMATION

Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul who leads me in - to life.

WORDS: Jacques Berthier (Ps. 103:1)

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier and the Taizé Community

BLESS THE LORD (TAIZÉ)
Irregular

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Response (R): ***Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.******Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.***

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits -

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. R

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who are faithful;

as far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for the faithful.

For God knows how we were made, and remembers that we are dust. R

As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field;

for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who are faithful, and God's righteousness to the children's children,

to those who keep God's covenant and remember to do God's commandments. R

Children's Message

Claire Baer

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Dr. Mark Bender

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Special Music

Sing Thankful Praise – Nix

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Abounding

Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn

We Gather Together – vs. 1 & 2

No. 276

***We gather together to ask for God's blessing,
to turn to a wisdom surpassing our own;
to pow'rs that oppress us now cease to distress us.
O God, be present with us, and make your will known.***

***Beside us to guide us, O God, we perceive you
ordaining, maintaining the power of life.
Yes, yours be the glory; let all tell the story.
Our God, be ever with us, in gladness and strife.***

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Kerry Roach

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Linda Cook & Cindy Hernandez

Music during Communion

You Raise Me Up – arr. Raney

Chancel Ringers

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

All believers are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.

I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

THE SENDING

Sent from the Table & Invitation to Discipleship

Dr. Mark Bender

Closing Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God – vs. 1 & 2

No. 715

***Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom the world rejoices,
who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.***

***O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us full of grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.***

Benediction

Dr. Mark Bender

Postlude

Debbie Watson

MEMORIALS AND HONORS

In memory of Jean Puckett given by Nick & Linda Gipson.

The cornucopia display was given by Ann Hunter in memory of Polly & Aubrey Cox and in honor of her children and grandchildren. Thanks also to Emily Wilson, Roma Prassel and Shaun Spaulding for their help.

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Sermon Notes

1. Seconds, please!

2. The context of Psalm 103

3. Receiving a payoff

4. An unresolvable tension

5. Silly love songs

**Through the New Testament
in a Year**

Join in an opportunity to grow your faith by joining Dr. Bender for a year-long Bible Study called *Through the New Testament in a Year*. Participants in this study will receive a book which divides the New Testament into 365 daily readings. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to regularly gather with Dr. Bender to go deeper into what you are reading. If you are interested in participating in this study and ordering the book, call the church office or text NT to 940-310-5673 to register.

Hanging of the Greens

Hanging of the Greens will be Sunday, November 28th. and we need people to bring in the wreaths during the 10:45 Worship Service!! Please let the Office, 692-2282, or Cheryl Smiley, 867-4425, know if you can help!!

**Save the Date:
Rise Against Hunger**

January 8, 2022
Fellowship Hall

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 21 THANKSGIVING OFFERING		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School / Journey Through Scripture	
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
3:45 pm	Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
5:00 pm	Youth (Grades 6-12)	Rm 403/Gym
5:00 pm	Young Disciples Choir (Grades K-5)	Stratten Hall
6:00 pm	Young Disciples Thanksgiving Family Dinner & Mission Project (Grades K-5)	Fellowship Hall
Monday, November 22		
	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" Closed This Week	
7:30 am-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-W)	
9:00-10:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
10:00 am	Christian Women's Fellowship Service Day: Wreaths	Room 310
6:00 pm	CCF Health & Safety Training	Room 310
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, November 23		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
6:00 pm	Executive Council Meeting	Room 310
NO	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life, Domestic Violence Prevention	Rooms 304 to 308
Wednesday, November 24		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00-11:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
	NO WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES	
Thursday, November 25 THANKSGIVING		
	Church Building, Offices & All Programs Closed for Thanksgiving	
Friday, November 26		
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Saturday, November 27		

Fain Sock Tree

Now that the weather has turned into more like Fall, it's time to be thinking about gathering socks, scarves, hats, gloves, and pajamas for the children at Fain School. Soon the Christmas tree will be put up in the church office and we need to remember to "decorate" the tree with these items. If you remember last winter in February, we had an icy blast and the children needed those hats, gloves, etc. to keep warm. So, as you begin to do your Christmas shopping, remember to pick up some hats, scarves, gloves, socks and pjs for the children at Fain. The counselor said that the pajamas sizes 6-12 are especially needed. We will deliver these items to Fain right before they begin their Christmas holidays.

Thank You!

Pantry Sunday

The December collected items will be: jelly (small & large) and spaghetti sauce.

You can continue to help keep the pantry shelves filled by: Donating the monthly items or any type of food items directly anytime into the large box on the porch by the Chapel entrance. To support Interfaith with a financial gift, you may mail your donation to Interfaith (1101 11th St., Wichita Falls, TX 76301), or donate on their [website](#).