## Welcome to worship this morning! Let us join together to adore Him who is the Creator and Sustainer of all.

God be gracious to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us. That Thy way may be known on the earth, Thy salvation among all nations.

Let the peoples praise Thee, O God; Let all the peoples praise Thee. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy; For Thou wilt judge the peoples with uprightness, And guide the nations on the earth. Let the peoples praise Thee, O God; Let all the peoples praise Thee. The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, blesses us.

God blesses us, That all the ends of the earth may fear Him. Psalm 67

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- There will be choir practice tonight after the evening service.
- November 22, Saturday 2:30 PM. Meet to finish packing and labeling the shoeboxes. We would like all our children and youth to be involved in this special time. We will be glad to furnish transportation for those who need it.
- November 23 Special Thanksgiving Service 11:00 AM
- November 30 First Sunday in Advent

There are three collection boxes in the foyer. Today is the last Sunday to contribute to the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Tentatively the deadline for the Missionary Christmas Fund contributions and the food for Haiti is November 23. Remember to contribute to these worthy collections.

#### Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

|             | Sunday              | Monday  | Tuesday            | Wednesday          |  |
|-------------|---------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| OT          | Ezekiel 33:1-34:31  | Ezekiel 35:1-36:38  | Ezekiel 37:1-38:23 | Ezekiel 39:1-40:27 |  |
| NT          | Hebrews 13:1-25     | James 1:1-18  | James 1:19-2:17    | James 2:18-3:18    |  |
| PSA         | Psalm 115:1-18      | Psalm 116:1-19  | Psalm 117:1-2      | Psalm 118:1-18     |  |
| PROV        | Proverbs 16         | Proverbs 17   | Proverbs 18        | Proverbs 19        |  |
|             | Thursday            | Friday  | Saturday           |                    |  |
|             | Ezekiel 40:28-41:26 | Ezekiel 42:1-43:27  | Ezekiel 44:1-4     | Ezekiel 44:1-45:12 |  |
|             | James 4:1-17        | James 5:1-20 1 Peter 1:1-12<br>-29 Psalm 119:1-16 Psalm 119:17-32 |                    |                    |  |
|             | Psalm 118:19-29     |   |                    |                    |  |
| Proverbs 20 |                     | Proverbs 21   | Proverbs 22        |                    |  |

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- This week remember to pray for our sister church in **Kingston**, **Ontario**. The pastor is Joseph Krohn.
- Pray for Chris & Margo.
- Physical Needs -
  - Let's be faithful to pray for Mary Lum (pneumonia), Andrea Musser, David Rison, Glenn Hockmeyer (cancer), Brett, Noreen, Roberta Lepera, Louise, Bill Snyder, Marie Rooney, Dominique, Pastor Dixon, Howard Mickle (and Bonita), Rosemary Snyder, Cathy Posson, Brian Edwards, Roger Ellers, Albert Barr, Noel Scott, Mark Vosburgh, Robert Ford, Lillian Jamison, Jean Ford, Bob Zeh, and Kathy Moltzen.
- Recent requests from our Cobleskill church include Helen, Caroline, Ralph, Kathleen, Bruce, Judy, Sharon, and Genevieve.
- Continue to pray for:
  - Our young people in college:
    - Lyndsay France
    - Seth and Isaac Owens (money for upcoming mission trip)
    - Keith Posson, who has been recalled to active military duty.
  - The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
  - Our service personnel, especially Wesley Lum, Jacob Eggleston, Donnie Gray, Anthony & Joyce Willey, and Charles Laraway.
  - Our country, and our President and government leaders, that they may make Godly choices.
- Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.

# **Generosity**

When St. Paul was concerned about the welfare of poor Christians in Jerusalem, he appealed to other churches to help them. The Corinthian church promised a "bountiful gift" which was very pleasing to Paul.

In a letter to the Corinthians, he said, "You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity ..." (II Corinthians 9:11).

How could the apostle make such a claim and with considerable assurance? No doubt it was because he knew that giving always enriches the giver spiritually. "I give," said an older church member, "not just because of the needs of the church but because of what giving to the church does for my walk with God."

St. Paul believed that it was like gardening or farming. The grower sows a small number of seeds into the ground, but the payback is the bountiful harvest which comes later. "Give," said Jesus, "and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap" (Luke 6:38). In short, no one can outgive God.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

— BCP