

Service for the Lord's Day

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 11, 2018

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.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Dear God, thank you for being with us during the most crucial times in life.
Help us to grow in faith. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Claudia Morgan-Gray

*INTROIT #401

“Here in This Place” (v.1&2)

Haugen, 1979

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord! The Lord will never leave us alone.
Let the name of the Lord be renowned throughout the earth, now and forever.

*HYMN #409

“God Is Here!” (v.1&2)

Green, 1979

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to the one who sacrificed for us and waits in mercy to forgive. Let us pray first in silence, and then with the Unison Prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, you gave us your only son, yet we fail to give you our best. You answer our prayers, even though we pray with a haughty spirit. You continue to bless us, even as we ignore those in need. Forgive us, we pray, and turn us toward you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ, who is our high priest, made himself a sacrifice once and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, be reconciled to God, sin no more, and do all things for the glory of God.
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.

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Proclaiming

ANTHEM

“What Does the Lord Require of You?”
(Chancel Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 127

Bibles, p.541/LG. p.704

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Chisholm, 1923

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 12:38-44

Bibles, p.46/LG. p.60

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Wonder Widow”

Rev. Dr. Jimmie Reese

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Affirmation of Faith is from A Brief Statement of Faith (10.3)
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. This, we believe.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Selected

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #308

“O God in Whom All Life Begins” (v.1&2)

Daw Jr., 1990

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #308

“O God in Whom All Life Begins” (v.3)

POSTLUDE

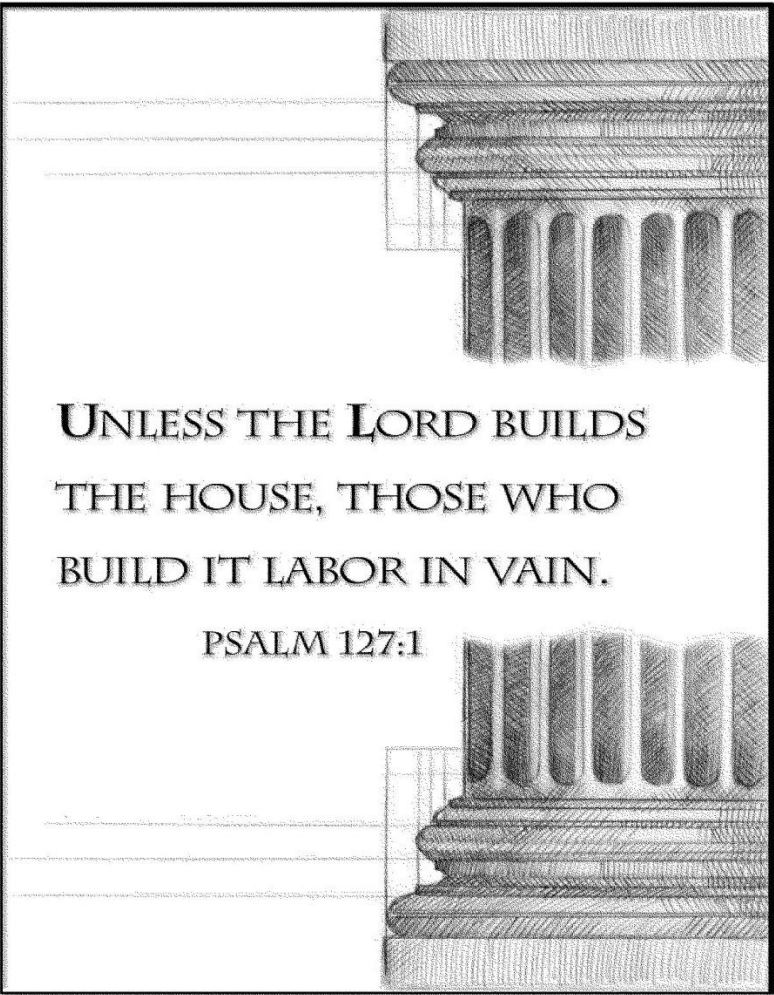
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(*) Those who are able may stand.
Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

Rev. Dr. Jimmie Reese is an ordained United Methodist minister and professor who has served churches in East Texas and Houston, and as professor at Lon Morris College for 39 years. He now teaches at the University of Texas in Tyler. Jimmie has been married to his wife, Shirley, for 60 years and they have two grown children and two grandchildren. He has degrees from St. Mary’s School of Theology, and a Doctoral degree from the Perkins School of Theology at SMU. We thank him immensely for serving us today!

This week’s prayers and concerns: Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Bob Schauwecker, Patsy Snelgrove, Billy Tapley, Kay Warren, Sue Williams, and Bill Caldwell (Katie Hurst’s father).

| CALENDAR OF EVENTS | | |
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| Sun. 11/11 | Worship Team Meeting | following service |
| Thur. 11/15 | L.E.A.N. Meeting | 2:00pm |
| Thur. 11/15 | Session Meeting | 6:30pm |
| Sun. 11/18 | Stewardship Luncheon/Congregational Meeting | following service |
| Sun. 11/18 | Angel Tree Drive Begins | |
| Sun. 11/18 | H.I.M. Gift Basket Drive Begins | |
| | (Sign-up sheets will be in Narthex) | |



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