THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

April 23, 2023 10:45 am

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please give any prayer requests to an usher or the pastor before the service.

Prelude Praise Team Welcome Praise Team

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE & FELLOWSHIP

Hymn10,000 ReasonsPraise TeamInvocationPastor RussPraise SongLiving HopePraise TeamScripture ReadingShirley Odenwald

Luke 23:39-43

WORSHIPPING WITH OUR GIFTS

Announcements Pastor Russ
Offering Our Gifts Pastor Russ

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND TEACHING

Time of Prayer Pastor Russ
Special Music Praise Team
Message Pastor Russ

"What Happens To Us After We Die?"

WORSHIP THROUGH COMMITMENT

Hymn "What A Day That Will Be!" #470 Recessional Praise Team

Hearing assistance devices are available. Please see an usher for help.

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GETTING TO KNOW US

Rev. Russell Stammer
Christine Lovette
Minister of Music

JJ Belle
Praise Band
Harry & Rachel Sink, Ted & Shirley Odenwald
Lori Rosenboom, Steve Handy, Christa Hoppe
All Members of This Faith Community
Ministers

THIS WEEK

Today 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service

UPCOMING EVENTS

5/7/23	Noon	Coffee Hour
5/13/23	10:00 AM	Church Work Day
	TBD	Tech Upgrade Meeting
5/21/23	Noon	Church Council Meeting
5/29/23	Noon	Church Memorial Day Picnic

BIRTHDAYS

Laura Belle 4/28

<u>ANNIVERSARY</u>

Ted & Shirley Odenwald 4/17
Bob & Ruth Barton 4/19



GROWING IN BIBLE KNOWLEDGE 2023 BIBLE READINGS

 Mon April 27
 Ruth 1-2; Psalms 129; Proverbs 30

 Tues April 28
 Ruth 3-4; Proverbs 31

 Wed April 29
 Psalms 119:1-88

 Thur April 30
 Psalms 119:89-176

 Fri
 May 1
 Judges 1-2; Psalms 50

 Sat
 May 2
 Judges 3-4; Psalms 20

 Sun
 May 3
 Judges 5-6; Psalms 121

The 2023 Bible reading schedule is thematic or connective in nature. The goal is to make as many associations as possible between the different parts of Scripture while still reading individual books of the Bible from start to finish. Only the Psalms are not read in consecutive order.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY PROGRAM

This week's passage is *Romans 8:38*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

BIBLE TRIVIA

<u>Today's question is</u>: With what was Jesus' side pierced?

<u>Last week's question and answer:</u> What gift did Salome, daughter of Herodias, ask for after she danced for Herod? **John the Baptist's head (Matt 14:6-8)**

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

"One of the most staggering truths of the Scriptures is to understand that we do not earn our way to heaven. ...works have a place--but as a demonstration of having received God's forgiveness, not as a badge of merit of having earned it." *Ravi Zacharias*

MISSIONS (PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION

Church attendance is not just a "good suggestion"; it is God's will for believers. Hebrews 10:25 says we should "not [be] giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Even in the early church, some were falling into the bad habit of not meeting with other believers. The author of Hebrews says that's not the way to go. We need the encouragement that church attendance affords. And the approach of the end times should prompt us to be even more devoted to going to church.

Church is the place where believers can love one another (1 John 4:12), encourage one another (Hebrews 3:13), "spur" one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24), serve one another (Galatians 5:13), instruct one another (Romans 15:14), honor one another (Romans 12:10), and be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32).

When a person trusts Jesus Christ for salvation, he or she is made a member of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27). For a church body to function properly, all of its "body parts" need to be present and working (1 Corinthians 12:14–20). It's not enough to just attend a church; we should be involved in some type of ministry to others, using the spiritual gifts God has given us (Ephesians 4:11–13). A believer will never reach full spiritual maturity without having that outlet for his gifts, and we all need the assistance and encouragement of other believers (1 Corinthians 12:21–26).

PRAYER PAGE

HEALTH ISSUES

Sandy Christopher – in Hospice care.

Nancy Monell – (Ted's Sister) – Ongoing health issues

Dot Nagy – (Ted's cousin) has multiple health issues.

<u>Tricia Fellner</u> – (JJ's Sister) has bradycardia (Low pulse rate)

<u>Justin</u> – Grandson of (Donna Stevens' sister) born with only 2 heart valves

<u>Betty Wilson</u> – (Friend of the Odenwalds) Neuropathy pain

Lois Griffith - Health Concerns

<u>Lori Rosenboom</u> – Ongoing health issues

<u>Carl Stevens</u> –Recovering from knee surgery.

Richard Greenip – several health issues

HEALTH ISSUES (CANCER)

Joe Alfano – ongoing health issues & Lung Cancer

Molly – (Herb Dorfman's granddaughter) diagnosed with Leukemia.

Robert Mariano – (JJ's Uncle) prostate cancer

Cathy Belle – (JJ's Aunt) found cancer on her brain.

Joan MacMillan – Pancreatic Cancer getting chemo.

OTHER CONCERNS

Good Shepherd Mission

<u>Unspoken Requests</u> –People requested prayer for an unspoken request.

Those dealing with Depression

Those dealing with addiction

All those suffering from mental health issues

NURSING FACILITIES Ginny Palmer

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Kayla Lovette - University of VT

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

<u>Major David Hutsebaut</u> - son of Dave and Shirley - Army <u>Sgt. Eduardo Velasquez</u> - son in law of Cheryl Alfano – Marines

Petty Officer Second Class Faustina Owusu Bekoe - US Navy

<u>Our Church</u> – We need to pray for our church as we need to examine all aspects of our church to reposition ourselves for future success.





John 11:25-26 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"



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