TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome by: Don Taylor / Opening Prayer by: Craig Girard
Morning Assembly Song Leader: Danny Balch

#742 When Upon Life's Billows
#709 How Sweet, How Heavenly

Scripture Reading by: Matthew Girard
#701 My Jesus, I Love Thee

Communion Devotional by: David Smith
Lord's Supper and Contribution

#716 Sing To Me of Heaven
Sermon: Guest Speaker: Mani Pagidipalli

#650 Send the Light
#753 Farther Along
Closing Prayer by: James Scott

Our Small Groups will meet tonight.
Don Taylor's group will meet tonight
at the building at 5:00 p.m.

Other Opportunities For Spiritual Growth

Sunday: 9:00am — Bible Study Classes, 10:00am — Worship, 5:00pm — Worship
Wednesday: 6:30pm — Bible Study Classes

Nov. 19, 2023

"Stand Firm in…Liberty"

Galatians 5:1

The Beneficent Author of All Good

It has been my practice every year now in this space to print a historical Thanksgiving Proclamation. Though we typically associate the origin of this practice with the Pilgrims, special times for giving thanks for blessings as well as celebrations of bountiful harvests are ancient traditions in a number of cultures. In the New World, both the Spanish and French conducted thanksgivings in the 16th century. English settlers in Jamestown held a thanksgiving in 1610. By comparison, the celebration in Plymouth Colony in 1621 is positively late (and it wasn't really a "Thanksgiving" either—but that's another article)..

More importantly, the concept of thanksgiving is deeply Biblical. There are any number of passages that demonstrate this, but consider, for example Psalm 100. Take out your Bible and read it right now—it's only 5 verses long.

With that in mind, I am reprinting the first National Thanksgiving Proclamation, issued by George Washington in 1789. I printed here way back in 2018, but some might have missed it, and we have all slept since then; it is worthy of your (re)consideration. Not only is it of historical interest, but I encourage you to reflect on what it has to say and on all the blessing God has bestowed upon you. Happy Thanksgiving. BP

By the President of the United States of America. a Proclamation.

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor—and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

Family News & Notes

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our Sick

Jeraldine Frazier is in San Jacinto Methodist Hospital.

Continued Prayers
(Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Steve Ward, Oscar Cantu, Caitlin Smith, Virginia Cole, Ken Coleman, Joe Edd Stifflemire, Donna Wilson, Patricia Prater, Edna Semien, Betty Spencer, Willie Spencer, James Wilson, Jo Ella McKewen, Kelly McCain, Wayne Noonkester

Shut Ins
(Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Jim Smith, Winona Angelle, Catherine Parker, Peggy McIntosh, Lois Watts, Willo Dean Ellis

Our Missionaries

Aaron & Marisa Bailey in Montepuez, Mozambique , Rod Kyle in the South Pacific

Upcoming Activities

Elders, Minister meeting Monday, Nov. 20th at 5:30 p.m.

We will have a Houston Food Bank truck on Tuesday, Dec. 5th at 8:00 a.m.

Youth Christmas Party

There will be a Christmas party for the youth of all ages on Friday, December 1 at the Perkins' house from 6-8 pm. For more information, see Emily Nance.

Gift Bags

We will be putting together goodie bags for some of our elderly and shut-ins. A list of items needed is on the bulletin board. If you are interested in participating, please sign up to bring something, and submit the items to the office by Sunday, December 10. For more information, see Abbey Perkins.

Food Bank

We served 158 families on Thursday, Nov. 16th at our food bank. That equals to about 510 individuals. We had 18 volunteers.

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Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be—That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation—for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war—for the great degree of tranquillity, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed—for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted—for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions—to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually—to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed—to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord—To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the encrease of science among them and us—and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New-York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

– Go. Washington