



Christmas Tree Ladders

Jack Williams is making Christmas Tree Ladders to help raise funds for our ministries dealing with children. The ladders will be available in red or white and the cost is \$20. If you would like to have an elf on your ladder, they are \$5 each. Please contact Jack Williams if you are interested in purchasing one of these ladders. If you are paying with a check, please make it payable to Trinity UMC and in the memo line put “Christmas Tree Ladders”.

The Trinity Companion

Sunday November 19, 2017

You can sponsor a bulletin. For \$15, we can put color on one side and for \$25 we can put color on both sides. Contact the office to see if the Sunday you want is available.

This Bulletin is sponsored by...	Bill Cole In Loving Honor of the Cole Children Brad, Greg, Dayna, Tammy & Jackie
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Worship begins at 11:00 am

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Thanksgiving Sunday

Greeters: Ruben Allman and Jack Williams

Announcements: Christy Smith

Call to Worship:

L: Stars spin across the sky and the dawn slides into day.

P: God the Creator calls us to new awareness.

L: The ocean pulses with life and even starfish seem to dance.

P: God the Maker calls us to thankfulness.

L: Babies crawl, friends call and the older teaches the younger how to wink.

P: God the Friend calls us to share a smile and tend the wounds.

L: A sudden stillness, a quiet moment, a deep prayer, a persistent yearning.

P: God, the End of our longing, calls us to worship with hearts filled with deep quiet and contagious joy.

Prelude:

Choral Call to Worship: “Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for You

***Opening Hymn:** “We Gather Together” No. 131

A Time for Prayer

Call to Confession

When we pray, we speak to God.

When we pray, God speaks to us.

Let us, therefore, enter into dialogue with our creator.

Confession

We confess without reservation that our dialogue with you, O God, is not really a dialogue. Most often, we are asking without listening and complaining without offering thanksgiving. We pray, and cannot understand why we get no response. Awaken us to wonder: If you called, would we answer? Or would you get a busy signal? Would you leave a message, and get no answer in return? We confess anew our impatience and our unwillingness to sit in the holy stillness of your presence. Forgive us, loving God. Thank you for letting us try again. In this minute of silence, let us be still and listen to what you would say to us this day.

Assurance of Pardon

Even when we try and fail again and again, God loves us still. In the richness of God's grace, we accept the peace of Christ, which passes all understanding. Amen.

A Sharing of Our Joys, Concerns, and Thanksgivings

(Please raise your hand and an usher will come by with a microphone so that everyone will be able to hear your joy, concern or thanksgiving.)

Today we make a joyful noise to you, O Lord. We come into your presence with singing, we worship you with gladness, we celebrate with joy as your entire creation gives you praise. The very mountains and hills are bursting into song, and all the trees of the field are clapping their hands! We praise you, God, we praise you!

We know that you are our God. It is you who made us, and we are yours. We thank you for your precious gifts of faith in the Lord Jesus, love toward one another, the spirit of wisdom and the grace we see in the sacraments of baptism and holy communion. We praise you for giving us deep roots in this community, protection from danger and the support and fellowship of brothers and sisters in the faith. May we never forget that we are your people, the sheep of your pasture, and that we need you, our Good Shepherd, and one another.

Good and gracious God, your steadfast love endures forever, as well as your faithfulness to all generations. Continue to bring healing to the ill, comfort to the grieving, direction to the lost, serenity to the anxious and justice to the oppressed. Make us into instruments of your peace, so that we may carry your love into the midst of hatred, and faith into places of despair and doubt. Inspire us always to be your grateful people, so that in every time and place we may give thanks to you and bless your holy name. With the confidence that comes from being children of God, we are now bold to pray as Jesus taught us ...

The Lord’s Prayer (as found at No. 895)
Gloria Patri No. 70

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Ushers: Patty Robbins, Sandra Rich, Kathleen Gillespie, Nancy Allman

Offertory:

***The Doxology:** No. 95

Anthem: “Thanksgiving” (A Medley of Hymns)

The Presentation of God’s Word

Scripture:

L: The Word of the Lord for the People of the Lord **P: Thanks be to God**

Sermon:

Closing Hymn: “For the Beauty of the Earth” No. 92

Pastoral Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude

*** Indicates that you may stand, as you are able**

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Prayer Time for the Worship Service

11:50 am in the Wicker Room



November

Van Drivers and Riders

5—Christy Smith, Donna Mahan

12—Kenny & Martha Spurlock

19—Pat Bowden, Diane Botts

26—Christy Smith, Cathy Galyean

Money Counters

5—Bill Cole, Ashley Turner

12—Chris Higgins, Paul Clark

19—Pat Bowden, Kim Parsons

26—Kenny & Martha Spurlock

Children’s Message

5—No Children’s Message

12—Mary Beth Allen

19—Nancy Toney

26—Diane Botts

Greeters

Jack Williams

Ruben Allman

Announcements

Christy Smith

Ushers

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Kathleen Gillespie, Nancy Allman



“I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR
YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS.”
EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

For Those with Cancer:

Robin (Rita Nash’s Daughter); Denise Qualls;

Kathy Hirsch (Larry & Teddy Bland’s daughter);

David Burke (Bubba Burke’s Dad); Karrie

Compton (Randy & Phyllis Compton’s

daughter); Zack Carter; Carey Mills; Steve Clark;

Robert Holbrook; Kamyryn (Patsy Mutter’s great

granddaughter’s sister); Karen Owens

Facing/Recovering from Surgery/Hospital Stay

Helen Cochran; Mary Warner; T.R. Davidson;

Melanie Sturgill; Mark Nickels; Ronnie Phillips

(Patty Robbins’ brother); Elizabeth White; Terry

Goodman; Karen West; Dotty Allen; Dell

Williams; Peggy Beverly; Marjorie Blevins

Non-Specific Prayers for:

Geneva Allen; Jennie Shupe; Matt Carroll; Bill &

Jean Hendrick; Peggy Bates; Marion Kocher;

Bob Horne; Beth & John Hagan; Debbie

Goodman; Sarah Shores; Elmer Lowe; Louise

Wright; Joyce Ann Harver; Jim Cooper

- Pray for our Pastor and the Leaders of our church.

- Pray for the Leaders of the United Methodist Church.

- Pray for those in the Church in need.

If you know that someone on the prayer list has passed away, please contact the church office.