

Additional Liturgy for November 12, 2017

For: Maria Colvin-Lopez

Suggested Announcements (please edit as desired):

**This Sunday's Emphasis: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost /
Caregiver Sunday / Thanksgiving Luncheon**

Our annual **THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON** will be held today in the Fellowship Hall immediately following this morning's Worship Service. Everyone is invited.

A **CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** has been slated for November 19 following the Worship Service to hear and act on a report from the Nominating Committee.

The **HANGING OF THE GREENS** will take place on Saturday, December 2, at 9 a.m. Everyone is invited to come help spruce up the sanctuary for the holidays.

Call to Confession

Beloved, we are called to live in right relationship with God by loving one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the One who pardons our offenses.

Prayer for Illumination

It's time to hear God's Word read and proclaimed. Let us pray:

Lord, to whom should we go? You have the words of eternal life. By the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us of your promises that we might hear your truth and enjoy you forever; in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Reading *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NRSV)*

The Coming of the Lord

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Invitation to the Offering

God is a gracious giver who opens the door to all who seek the wisdom of God's ways. Therefore, let us offer the gifts of our life and labor and come into God's courts with praise.

Offertory Prayer

O great and loving God, we give you thanks that you have given your faithful people a love for justice and the gift of generosity. Bless these gifts and with them reveal your righteousness as we await the coming of your peace. Amen.