

# Announcements for November 19, 2017

For: Rev. Escandell

A **CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held today following the Worship Service to hear and act on a report from the Nominating Committee.

The **PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY** will gather here at the church on Tuesday, November 21. The Quilt Ministry meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on the second floor. For more information, contact Shirley Pippin at 956-358-0591.

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.

# Additional Liturgy for November 19, 2017

For: Nadine Force-Macey

## **Call to Confession**

God's love has destined us not for wrath, but rather for salvation. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the One who is eager to save.

## **Prayer for Illumination**

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

Come, Holy Spirit, open our minds and hearts this day, that we may be illumined by your living Word and walk together as children of light. Amen.

## **Epistle Reading**

### ***1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (Inclusive Bible)***

But as to specific times and eras, sisters and brothers, you don't need me to tell you anything – you know very well that the Day of God is coming like a thief in the night. Just when people are saying, “At last we have peace and security,” then destruction will fall on them with the suddenness of labor pains, and there will be no escape.

But you, sisters and brothers, are not in the dark. The Day of God will not catch you like a thief. No, you are all children of light and children of the day. We don't belong to the darkness or the night. So let's not be asleep as others are – let's be awake and sober! Those who sleep do so at night, and those who get drunk do so at night. But we belong to the day, so let us be sober. Let us put on the breastplate of faith and love, and the helmet of the hope of salvation.

God has destined us not to suffer wrath, but to receive salvation through our Savior Jesus Christ, who died for us so that, whether awake or asleep, we might live together with Christ. So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you're already doing.

## **Invitation to the Offering**

God has entrusted us with a variety of gifts; let us return to the Lord a generous measure of our bounty with thanksgiving and praise.

## **Offertory Prayer**

For all that you are and all that you do, we give you thanks, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We wait in hope for the coming of your realm and offer these gifts to further your kingdom on earth; in Jesus' name. Amen.