

Worship Service, 9:30 am.
Operation Christmas Child Gift Box deadline.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2016
Caring for Others pantry, 10am – 12pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2016
Consecration/Thanksgiving Sunday
Sunday School, 8:45 a.m.
Worship Service, 9:30 am.
UPCOMING SPECIAL DATES

- Nov. 13th. Operation Christmas Child Collection Sunday
- Nov. 16th. Caring for Others Pantry, 10am–12pm.
- Nov. 20th. Consecration/Stewardship Commitment Sunday.
- Nov. 24th. 9th Free Community Thanksgiving Day Meal, 11:30am until gone.
- Nov. 27th. 1st Sunday in Advent. Hanging of the Greens.



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Dear Members and Friends:

I'm sure that you are by this time aware that **Sunday, November 20, 2016, is Stewardship Consecration/Thanksgiving Sunday** in our congregation. I know that as your Pastor I can count on your support as we continue our common and collective ministry together. You have demonstrated this clearly in your pledges to this year's budget, your support of caring for Others pantry, +One for Third Street, Operation Christmas Child and gifts to sustain and support our church.

I believe that you are concerned enough about our church and your own spiritual growth to attend the Sunday morning service on November 20th and complete your pledge card as an act of worship. A pledge card is included in today's bulletin for you to use to make your commitment.

Remember, our Church's ministries in the New Year can only happen with your support. I ask that you make whatever sacrifices are necessary to be present on **Stewardship Consecration/Thanksgiving Sunday, November 20, 2016.**

Grace and Peace,,

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Our Vision: *We are God's Servants impacting, changing and growing lives spiritually in Church and Community.*

Sunday, November 13, 2016 **9:30 A.M.**
26th Sunday after Pentecost
Gathering of the People of God

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

***CHORAL INTROIT** "We Are Standing On Holy Ground"
#183, AAHH

***CALL TO WORSHIP** [Isaiah 12]

Leader: Sing praises to God, for the Lord has done gloriously. Let it be known in all the earth.

PEOPLE: Surely God is my salvation, for the Lord is my strength and has become my salvation.

Leader: Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

***SONG OF PRAISE** "We Gather Together" **#559, PH**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of consuming fire, treat us not as stubble through the folly of our misdeeds. We are misled by arrogance as we boast of our goodness. We look with disdain on those less fortunate, and ignore the poverty of our own souls. Claiming to be among the mighty, we favor those gifted with similar strengths. As individuals and as a nation, we test your patience. Yet in Christ you love us still. Forgive our pride and restore our sanity, so that we may yet serve you. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" **#2193, SF (Sung twice)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Brothers and sisters, ... In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Leader Now that we have let go of the pain, the bitterness, the anger of our lives, let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other, forgiving as God has forgiven us. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Let us greet one another, saying: "Peace be with you!")

Please return to your seats as the we begin to sing,

"God Welcomes All"

God welcomes All, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

WELCOME/ CHURCH CONCERNS

Hearing God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

NOTE: Sowing Generously.

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

9 As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." 10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

11 You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

13 Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

14 And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you.

15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! (NIV)

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Eddie Deas, III

"A CHEERFUL GIVER"

***INVITATIONAL SONG** "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated" **#391, PH (Vss. 1,4&6)**

***CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

Giving Thanks to God

TITHES & OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending Forth in God's Name

*** CLOSING SONG** "Let All Things Now Living" **#554, PH**

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

*Indicates those who are able, may stand

**Worshippers May Enter and Exit

***PH – Presbyterian Hymnal; AAHH – African

WORDS OF WELCOME

A joyous and hearty welcome! We're especially happy to have visitors present. Welcome to our Creator's house of worship. We ask that you sign our Guest Book in the Narthex before leaving. Please come to worship with us again and if you do not have church home here in Gastonia; we invite you to join the THIRD STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ **One For Third Street.** Every 5th Sunday we are asking you to remember to help provide supplies for our Church by picking up one additional item for the Church when you purchase one for yourself or household. Please look at the list on the bookmarks in your bulletin today. You can donate these items at any time, but certainly by the 5th Sunday in October. **WE NEED PAPER TOWELS!**

WANTED VOLUNTEERS TO HOST OUR ADVENT SUNDAYS' BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIPS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE SEE REV. OR MRS. DEAS TODAY. THANKS.

CHANGE FOR MISSION: Don't forget to drop off your pocket change in the container as you leave the Church

CHURCH CALENDAR

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