

Announcements:

Consecration Sunday is TODAY! We consecrate our gifts before the Lord knowing that everything we have comes from Him. If you haven't pledged or tithed before, try giving as God's word teaches and experience for yourself the joy of the Lord's blessings.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High, Psalm 92:1. Enjoy your Thanksgiving! It is good to give thanks for our bounty and our blessings of liberty!

Children's Church: Parents, bring your kids, K-5th grade, to the children's center and check them in. We will have songs, a Bible story and craft each week. We can't wait to see your kids again!

This Advent Season, make your Wesleyan heritage a part of your Christmas. In 1741, John Wesley preached his famous sermon titled "The Almost Christian" in which he encouraged people to follow Christ wholeheartedly. We should not be satisfied with being almost Christian but rather strive towards being altogether a Christian. **In this year's Advent Study entitled *Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience*,** author and pastor Magrey deVega leads a group of authors to explore how we can make the same commitment to Christ during Advent, connecting our Wesleyan heritage with the traditional Advent themes of Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace. In this book, perfect for Advent, deVega and the other authors break down the barriers that prevent us from experiencing an "altogether" love, hope, joy, and peace in Christ in our lives and in the world around us. They demonstrate the promises God offers to us that makes those longings a reality, inviting us to claim those promises for ourselves this Advent and celebrate an altogether Christmas. Please contact the church office, 325-1267, for information on available class times.

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25 & 26 for Thanksgiving.

There are **No Wednesday Activities** this week due to Thanksgiving.

November 21, 2021 9:30 AM



"Grace To Serve Our King"

John 1:14-18; Colossians 1:13-20; 2 Timothy 1:8-12



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Sunday Worship Service

November 21, 2021 | 9:30 AM

Announcements	Kaitlin Perrone
Words of Welcome / Invocation	Pastor Richard
Hymn 694, vs 1, 4	<i>"Come Ye Thankful People Come"</i>
Hymn 154, vs 1, 4, 6	<i>"All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name"</i>
Psalm Reading: Psalm 100	Beren Canlas
Glory Be To The Father (<i>Gloria Patri</i>)	Congregation
Stewardship Thought	Ben Canlas
Ministry in Music	<i>"Give Thanks And Sing"</i> Chancel Choir
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Richard
Praise Song	<i>"King of Kings"</i>
Scripture: John 1:14-18; Colossians 1:13-20; 2 Timothy 1:8-12	Kaitlin Perrone
Message	"Grace To Serve Our King" Pastor Richard
Praise Song	<i>"Goodness Of God"</i>
Consecration Prayer	Pastor Richard
Hymn 399	<i>"Take My Life, and Let It Be"</i>
Benediction	Pastor Richard
Doxology	Congregation
Postlude	

Assisting in Worship:

Pastor: Dr. Richard Thompson

Worship Leader: Andrew Irvin

Liturgists: Kaitlin Perrone

Greeters: Marti Ingalls, Steve & Suzanne Devers

Ushers: Gary Oldham, Neil Bhatti, William & Linda Mendez

Organ: Rebecca Spickler

Piano: Char Gaines

Keyboard: Aaron Thompson

Guitar: Beren Canlas

Drums: Dumisani Irvin

Vocals:

Tech: James Dethlefsen, Ed French, Lucas Metcalf

Chancel Choir Director: Kathleen Schaffer

Safety Team: Greg Perrone, Dusty Ramey, Rick McDonald

Sermon Notes: "Grace To Serve Our King"

Read Colossians 1:16.

He will take you in a better life _____.

A Stumbling Block

See John 1:16.

In many places around this globe today Christians witness to the truth despite

_____.

Read 2 Tim. 1:8-9

Boasting in the Cross

Read Galatians 6:14a.

A cross is a strange thing to _____ about.

The Cross spells the end to _____ attempts to gain God's favor.

The Intellectual Objection

Read 1 Corinthians 1:23.

The intellectual objection says the cross is _____.

Read 1 Corinthians 1:21.

The Religious Objection

Read John 14:6 and Acts 4:12.

The religious objection says the Cross is _____.

The Personal Objection

See Isaiah 64:6; Jeremiah 17:9; and Romans 3:10.

Only Christianity preaches "It has been _____ for you."

The personal objection says the cross does not build _____.

The Moral Objection

See 1 Thessalonians 1:9.

The moral objection says the cross is _____.

The Political Objection

The political objection says the cross is _____.

We Are Witnesses

1. Hold fast to the cross because it is the only way of _____.

In Him we can move from uncertainty about their own lives and future, to certain trust _____.

2. Do not expect to be _____ with the world.

Each one of us regularly preaches _____ by our words and our lifestyle.

From His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace, John 1:16.