

Sunday
November 18, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Greg

Becoming disciples,
serving God's world.



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Bold print indicates congregation.
*Indicates please stand as able.

Gather to Worship

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

Call to Worship

Brothers and sisters. If you lift your net and it is empty, Come here!

We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.

If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One, Come here!

We'll find the Risen Christ here among us.

If your life is filled with mourning, Come here!

Christ is leading a dance of joy.

Come here, sisters and brothers!

To give blessing and honor and glory to God!

Opening Prayer

God of victory over death, Your Son revealed Himself again and again, and convinced His followers of His glorious resurrection.

Grant that we may know His risen presence, in love obediently feed His sheep, and care for the lambs of his flock, until we join the hosts of heaven in worshipping You and praising Him who is worthy of blessing and honor, glory and power, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn: #398 Jesus Calls Us

*Scripture Lesson: John 21:1-14

Choir Anthem: Thank You, Father

Hymn: #2233 Where Children Belong

Children's Time ~ *Joanne Culver*

Children 3 yrs. to 3rd grade will be dismissed to POP! with Julie Griffin

Sermon: "Throw the Nets"

This is the last (!) sermon of a stewardship series, *Living, Loving, and Leaving a Legacy.*

*Affirmation of Faith—Abundant God

We believe in the gracious God who clothes the wild flowers, dressing them so superbly that they outdo Solomon in all his glory; who is the true Friend of all creatures great and small, who feeds sparrows and cardinals, and even doleful ravens and crows.

We believe in the God of Christ Jesus, the Source of abundance, full of grace and truth.

We believe in the extravagant God who turns the other cheek, goes the second mile, turns water into the best wine, brings healing with His every touch, and who welcomes a broken woman's gift as she fills the house with unforgettable fragrance.

We believe in the faith-full God of Jesus Christ, who sweated blood in an Olive Grove, and kept the faith to the very end.

We believe in the redeeming God who spared no cost, forgave even His brutal crucifiers, had time for a dying thief at His side, and who on the third day did a thing so prodigious that even His friends were dismayed with joy.

We believe in the God of Jesus Christ, the Source of abundance wherever we turn and no matter what we do. Amen!

*Hymn: #396 I Need Thee Every Hour

Praying for Others and for Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Stewardship pledge cards for 2019 may be placed in the offering plate along with other gifts and tithes. If you would like to take your pledge card and place it directly on the altar, you are welcome to do so.

Offertory: Amazing Grace

*Doxology: #95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and loving God, Giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. These cards represent our sweat, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The pledges which we make on them are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us, and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place.

May our tithes and offerings be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may live out as closely as possible how You give to us. May we see them as our offering to You, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. May we hold this image in our hearts and minds so as we watch our offerings each week come before You, we can see our very selves being part of this offering. It is for us not only on Sunday — but every other day as well — living sacrifices for Your kingdom. In the holy name of Jesus Christ, we pray and pledge, amen.

*Hymn: #2130 The Summons

*Blessing

*Depart to Serve

Coming up next Sunday, November 25 (Christ the King; the last Sunday of the Church year), Scripture: Revelation 1:4b-8 — “Experienced”. Ken Franklin will be the preacher of the day.

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

11/18 Donietta Hamilton

11/20 Dan Minger

Mary Stenstrom

11/22 Del Forsythe

11/22 Fred Nelson

Caryn Zonyk

Anniversaries

11/19 Steve & Holly

Fryling

For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson

David Bretz

Barb Griner

Pat McClelland

Beverly Nimmo

Robert & Carmen Parsons

Marv & Kitty Starbuck

Mina Willett

Prayer for Family and Friends

Updates and New Requests This Week

Wil and Eloise Emmert and family are mourning the loss of Wil's brother, Fred, who passed away unexpectedly from a massive stroke.

Eric Goldsmith's (Betty Thomas's grandson) leukemia is in remission, but he has had a stroke.

Please **do NOT share on Facebook!**

Please pray for Jon Neddo. As the weather gets colder, his disability gets harder to bear.

Jim and Jen Thompson and family are mourning the loss of Jim's dad, Larry.

Please pray for the victims of the California bar shooting.

Please pray for anyone battling depression and distorted thoughts.

Previous Requests

Dale Bloom (Julie Taylor's friend) and his family are mourning the loss of his 2-yr-old grandson.

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

Carol Eaton has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Ken and Debi Franklin and family are mourning the loss of Ken's mother.

Flossie Lang and family are mourning the loss of Elton.

Flossie Lang has skin cancer.

Walker Polsinelli has been deployed to Kuwait for six months.

Susan Rumsey (June French's daughter) is home recovering from liver disease.

Laura Secrist (Sally Kohler's friend) lost her significant other of 19 years due to a heart attack.

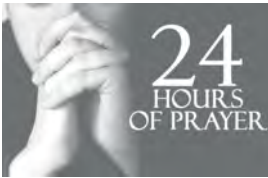
Joseph Taylor (Julie's brother) needs housing.

Pittsburgh PD Officer Tim Watson (shift member of Hank's friend, Istvan) was shot and is currently in an induced coma.

Pray for the families of Squirrel Hill, PA.

Our snowbirds are beginning to travel to warmer climates.

24-Hour Prayer Vigil



We would like to have prayer for our church, our church family, and others for 24 hours a day, if possible. If you would like to sign up for an hour (as many as you would like),

please write your name in available spaces on the chart near the welcome center.



The General Rule of Discipleship

To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Happy Thanksgiving

Preschool will be closed
Wednesday through Friday
Nov. 21-23

Offices will be closed
Thursday and Friday
Nov. 22, 23



Children ages 3 yrs. to third grade leave the adult worship service right after the kids' message and are returned to service after the offering.

Please be sure your child has a name tag with age or grade.

Today's acolytes are
John Paul Culver and Harrison Barton

November 11 attendance:
Worship 145 Sunday School 38



In Service to Our Country

Matthew Kohler

Ryan Miller is home

Walker Polsinelli is in Kuwait

1230 Morehead Pl., Apt 202
Sumter SC 29150

Tyler Smith

Geoff White

5112 Hickory Ln
Klamath Falls OR 97601

This Week's Calendar

Today—Stewardship Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for everyone

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Martin Catholic Church

7:00 p.m. *Beginnings Bible Study in the Library*

Monday, November 19

6:30 p.m. Family volleyball in the FLC

6:30 p.m. Scout Troop meeting

7:00 p.m. *Church Council in the Taylor Room*

Tuesday, November 20

2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room

6:30 p.m. RAW (high school youth) in Room 107

6:30 p.m. Scouts in the FLC

Wednesday, November 21

PRESCHOOL CLOSED

NO WEDNESDAY WINNERS, SHED, HELIX,
BELL PRACTICE OR CHOIR PRACTICE

6:30 p.m. Pickleball in the FLC

Thursday, November 22—Happy Thanksgiving

PRESCHOOL AND OFFICES CLOSED

Friday, November 23 - Pastor's Day Off

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Saturday, November 24

no activities are scheduled

Monday through Tuesday

9:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. Heart & Hands Preschool

Next Week

Sunday, November 25

after Worship Hanging of the Greens



Vicksburg United Methodist Church

Family Christmas Program



Tuesday, December 4, 7:00 p.m.
"ROOM FOR A LITTLE ONE"

Ken and Jolene Cron and friends will present a program of flute and tuba quartets, singing children, vocal duet, a picture story, some stringed instruments and more!

Invite your friends too. All ages will love it.
And it's free!

Light refreshments and fellowship will follow the program.

Holiday Progressive Dinner

Saturday, December 8th

\$7.50 per person

There will be car-pooling from the church, leaving at 4:45 p.m. promptly!
Any questions call Betsy Myers at 207-5212.

Appetizers begin at 5:00

at Greg and Joanne Culver
7794 East TS Ave.
Scotts
475-5791

Salads begin at 6:30

at Brad and Barb Addis
14568 S. 33rd St.
Vicksburg
649-1328

Main Course begins at 8:00

Richard and Betsy Myers
at the church
207-5212

Desserts begin at 9:30


at Ken and Deb Franklin
15289 S. 27th St.
Vicksburg
806-6497

Stewardship Stories


The Finance Committee is looking for "Stewardship Stories" to highlight periodically throughout the year. Basically, a "Stewardship Story" is anything that you have participated in through this church that has provided a benefit to yourself, others in this church, people in our community, or anyone anywhere. This could include things such as quilting, Bible study classes, donating to missions, bake sales, raking leaves for someone who needs assistance, visiting someone in need, going on a mission trip, or almost anything where you are actively expressing your faith.

We have so many great things happening in this church. It's time we shared them. Please send any thoughts you have to ddaileysu@gmail.com or mention it to any member of the Finance Committee. We thank you for your interest and support.

Stewardship



Have you thought about that lately?
Your financial stewardship responsibilities to VUMC? "Rich Church Poor Church" suggests we think about it all the time!



Think about it!

Community Thanksgiving Celebration

The Vicksburg Ministerial Alliance invites you to attend the Community Thanksgiving Celebration at 6:00 (not 7:00) this evening at St. Martin Catholic Church on W Ave.

Advent Season decorations

We are planning on changing the decorations of the entryway for this year's advent season. We are going to decorate it with big Christmas cards and Christmas quilts, and we would like your participation.

So, we would like your church group/committee or family to make a huge Christmas card to hang or stand up in the entryway to greet and announce this year's advent season. If you have a Christmas quilt that you would like to share with us, that would be great too.

Notice

Communion will be served in the pews the next 2 months.

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Nov. 18: Marshall Linebaugh
Nov. 25: Joe and Betty Gruber

Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 Monday, Dec. 3.
- Newsletter items for December/January are due in the church office by Monday, Nov. 26.

