



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Corona Pandemic - its effect & overall impact on our lives, the nation and the world
- Diane Cote - ongoing health concerns
- Paul Cote - now a resident at Seal Rock Health Care in Saco; thank you for your prayers
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho - permanently disabled
- Erik & Janice Grabowski - please pray for a favorable court decision regarding their foster child Uriah, that he might remain with them & not have to return to his troubled parents
- Janice Grabowski - suffering from chronic pancreatitis & fibromyalgia
- Jim Miller - making sure & steady progress as he recovers from surgery and regains his strength; many thanks & much praise to God for this good progress; please keep praying for continued healing and a complete recovery
- Pat Miller - suffering with diverticulitis; your prayers are appreciated
- Ernie Perry - arthritic back pain and COPD
- Norman Roy - ongoing health concerns
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing bursitis and arthritis pain, with ongoing anxiety attacks
- Paul Small (Paul's cousin) - stomach cancer
- Erik Wuelper - has pancreatic cancer
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today

*"The prayer of the upright is His delight . . .
He hears the prayer of the righteous."*

~ Proverbs 15:8, 29 ~

Entitled? ... or Grateful?

We live in a land of entitlements. Or, should I say, "perceived" entitlements. The whole "Occupy" movement of ten years ago expressed opposition to "social and economic inequality" demanding that the disproportionately wealthy 1% among us should redistribute their prosperity among the remaining 99% whom they felt were *entitled*. It is now perceived that college students are *entitled* to free education; citizens (and especially illegal immigrants) are *entitled* to free health care and other benefits; relatives of former slaves (150+ years ago) and illegal immigrant families recently separated at the border are *entitled* to monetary compensation; and there's even talk of a "Universal Basic Income Plan" which would pay all U.S. residents 18 and older an *entitlement* check of \$1320 per month! This mindset is in direct opposition to the noble sentiments expressed by President Kennedy in 1961: "Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country!"

The word *entitlement* is defined as, "the belief that one is inherently deserving of privileges or special treatment" (*Oxford Dictionary*). This grudging, self-centered belief does not arise from a grateful heart. It is an attitude born of presumptuous pride which began with our adversary, the Devil. "*How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High'.*" (Isaiah 14:12-14). While this passage refers specifically to the king of Babylon, it also has reference to the wicked spiritual power behind this king, namely Satan – a prideful being who brazenly believed he was *entitled* to be like God. However, the Bible plainly declares: "*God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble*" (Jas 4:6).

In contrast, an attitude of thanksgiving comes from a humble heart brimming with genuine gratitude. This heartfelt gratitude is the result of one's

awareness and acknowledgement of the goodness of God, who is the Blessed Giver of every good and perfect gift (Jas 1:17). The blessed recipients of these many gifts are overwhelmingly moved to "*Give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! For He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness*" (Psalm 107:8-9). And we join the Psalmist in saying, "*Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits!*" (Psalm 103:1-2). So, this Thanksgiving Day (and all the year through), let us "*enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations!*" (Psalm 100:4-5).

— Terry Schmidt ✍



"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

- Acts 16:30 -

Hear the Gospel - John 6:44-45; Rom 10:14,17

Believe [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31
Heb 11:6

Repent of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30

Confess Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37;
Rom 10:8-10

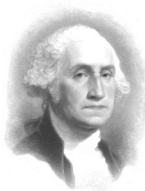
Be baptized - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16;
1 Pet 3:21

Be faithful unto death - Mt 7:21; Rev 2:10

☺ **Welcome Visitors** ☺

We are glad you have come to worship with us today. We want you to know that you are welcome. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions or if we can help you in any way. Please fill out a visitor's card before you depart. Have a great week! ☺





Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor, a day of public thanksgiving and prayer is to be observed

by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many favors of Almighty God. Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these United States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be. That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks, for his kind care and protection... that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions ... to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue ... and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best. - *President George Washington, Thanksgiving Proclamation, 1789*

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 5,883
This Month: 18,719



SNACKS!

Nov 21: Cathy
Nov 28: Kathleen

Attendance & Contribution for November 14, 2021

Attendance — 18
Contribution — \$415.

Order of Worship

November 21, 2021

*"Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent
reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice
and give Him glory!"*

- Revelation 19:6-7 -

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—17

Opening Prayer: *George Cuvellier*

Song—545

Scripture Reading: *Erik Grabowski*
~ Psalm 100~

Song—179

The Lord's Supper:
Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

Song—68

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving"

Song—607

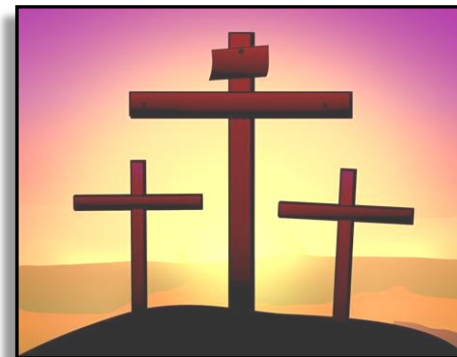
Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Wayne Sampson

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Paula Kennedy*

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*We love Him, because  
He first loved us.*  
- 1 John 4:19 -

## November 21, 2021

### Sunday Assembly Times:

9:30 am — Bible Class  
10:30 am — Worship  
6:00 — Bible Study

### Wednesday Assembly:

7:00 — Bible Study

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