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As I consider the last several months, I am reminded of an article that was handed out at a music workshop that I attended many years ago. The title is: Climb the Musical Scale. It does not deal with music but with our daily lives. I present it here as a way that we as Christians might live our lives on a daily basis.

CLIMB THE MUSICAL SCALE



By Florence Buchanan

- DO** – Do not worry over things that may never happen and, even if they happen, worry will not help. Do count your blessings before you count cares.
- RE** - Radiate good will and a spirit of benevolence. Like laughter, it is infectious and makes yourself, as well as others, feel better.
- ME** – Mete kindness, understanding, tolerance, and forgiveness generously. You reap as you mete.
- FA** – Far-reaching are the therapeutic benefits of spiritual thinking. You become as you habitually think. Resentment, hatred, spite, envy, and vengeance pack a radioactive fall-out that gnaw at your vitals. They are self-consuming.
- SO** – Sow the seeds of love, friendship, empathy, and helpfulness. These hardy seeds take root in the crustiest ground.
- LA** – Laugh at yourself now and then. Those who can laugh at themselves are less apt to be at war with themselves. Laugh at yourself, even if you don’t feel like laughing.
- TI** – Teach yourself awareness and appreciation of all the wonders of nature. Thank God daily for the precious gift of life. Genuine gratitude and discontent are never found together.
- DO** – Do not expect someone else to open the door to happiness for you. You must do it yourself. You alone have the key. Turn it.

**A final thought to consider.** The Bible says, “Be still and know that I am God.” In today’s hustle and bustle of business many times it is difficult, but never-the-less necessary, to take a few moments each day to simply be still and know that God is near, that He cares, that He is looking after us, and is with us as He has promised.





## SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERVICE 11:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY 9:00 AM

"Till all have heard! Thanks be to God!"

### REGULAR CHURCH EVENTS AND WORSHIP

<b>Sunday -</b>	11:00 AM Sunday Worship *
	9:00 AM Bible Study *
<b>Monday -</b>	PANERA BREAD DISTRIBUTION 9:30-11:00 AM
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 PM - Adult Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 PM - Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

### OUR WEBSITE ADDRESS:

[www.firststjohns.com](http://www.firststjohns.com)

### WELCOME

Our major objective is for all to know Jesus as Lord and be an effective magnet involving lives for Jesus Christ. Worship should always be focused on God, the time honored traditions of worship are observed here, we want worship to be glorifying to God, honoring to God and reminding us of the greatness and glory of God. People say that they have truly worshipped after our Sunday morning service.

We are a very welcoming church and we want to help you to know Jesus.

### Contact Us

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Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 4, 2018. Please adjust your clocks accordingly.



## SUNDAY SERVICES

Communion and Non-Communion, Services are held during the month, Prayer and Preaching Non-Communion services are held on the 5th Sunday of months with 5 Sundays.

We print bulletins in English (small and large print), and Chinese for morning worship. Please contact us in advance if you need a Spanish bulletin.

**PHONE: (717) 843-8597**



If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter by email please contact the church office at (717) 843-8597 or send an email to [firststjohns@verizon.net](mailto:firststjohns@verizon.net).



If you or someone you know is a shut-in, has an illness or is unable to worship with us due to other circumstances, please call the church office.

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## STEWARDSHIP: NOVEMBER 2018

Sometimes people don't like it when pastors talk about stewardship. For some, it hits too close to home. It is easier to talk about bad people in Washington, in history, or overseas than it is to think about what our daily life in Christ is supposed to look like – how we are supposed to love our neighbor.

The fact that we don't like hearing about stewardship certainly means we ought to face it. Here are a few simple and practical realities.

God calls us to first-fruits, sacrificial giving. This means we should give off the top. We should set a percentage of our income as a deliberate gift for the work of the Church and give that first. We write the check to the Lord's work in the Church before we pay the mortgage or pay for our medicine or pay for anything else.

We don't pay for all the stuff we need, and think we need, and then give from what is left over. That is the first-fruits idea. It is hard because we think we need all sorts of other things first. But that is the point of "sacrificial."

Next, how could the starting point for Christian generosity and sacrifice really be anything less than a tithe – 10 percent? The ceremonial law of the Old Testament was never arbitrary. In the Old Testament, the Levites received this tithe so they could be full-time ministers.

Does the New Testament have a ministry that is larger or smaller? It is far larger: "Make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19).

And we are still to have a full-time ministry: "The Lord has commanded that those who preach the Gospel should make their living from the Gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14).

So, if 10 percent was needed in the Old Testament, and we have a bigger mission need in the New Testament, how can we expect the Lord's work to be done on less than a tithe?

First-fruits, sacrificial, generous giving – that's the way. We shouldn't fool ourselves into thinking that we've out-given God's goodness or that we've given plenty.

We might be tempted to think so but consider – no one in the Church has given plenty because no one has given all. No one has died for his sins. Only the sinless Son of God did that.

Or, as St. Paul said, bringing the Good News of Jesus into the discussion of our giving to support the Lord's work in the Church:

"I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:8-9).

As you can see, what the Bible commands about our stewardship can sting. It's law, and the law shows our sins. It calls us to repentance.

The law is meant to expose and accuse for the sake of showing us Christ and His fulfillment of the law. If first-fruits, sacrificial giving has you squirming, that's the point.

In Mark's account of the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus took the disciples' five loaves and two fish and blessed them. It was nothing among so many, but, of course, it was plenty. Jesus makes something from nothing.

Mark doesn't say that all the disciples gave Jesus all the bread they had. It is quite possible some of them held something back. But even if they did, that didn't stop Jesus from blessing them. Jesus makes something out of nothing.

He, who fed His people in the desert with Manna every morning, doesn't need their bread. But they need to give it. And what they give, however little it might be, however grudgingly they do so, He blesses it.

He not only blesses those whom He feeds with it, but He blesses them, the givers – not just in that they wind up with (a basket full for each loaf) but that they learned to trust and rejoice in Him.

The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away. The Lord gives abundantly or asks us to fast. We do not know what will happen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

He does all things well and works all things together for good. The disciples don't give their bread to Jesus because it is a good investment. They give it because He is good, they love Him, and they trust Him. Let us go and do likewise.





### The Office of the Word continued

The Votum is the next part in the service. It is the blessing pronounced at the end of the Sermon, praying that God will keep all who are present in the one true faith.

The Offertory, which is taken from Psalm 51, is a response to our hearing the Word of God. In the Offertory we ask for spiritual blessings.

The Offering comes next. In the offerings of money we indicate our dedication to God with all that we are and have. We also acknowledge that all we have comes from God.

The General Prayer, or Prayer of the Church, is the church's prayer for all sorts and conditions of humankind. Other prayers may be substituted. The Office of the Word concludes with the General Prayer.

### Holy Communion

Holy Communion consists of the Preface, the Administration, and the Post-Communion.

The Preface is an introduction to the divine mystery of the Holy Supper. It consists of the Salutation and Versicles telling us to lift up our hearts and to give thanks. Also included in the Preface are the Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Proper Preface for the season which leads into the Sanctus (holy). The Sanctus is a hymn of praise to the Holy Trinity.

The Administration is made up of the Lord's Prayer, Words of Institution, Pax Domini, Agnus Dei, and the Distribution.

The Lord's Prayer is self explanatory.

The Words of Institution remind us that our Lord Jesus Christ gave us this Sacrament on the night in which He was betrayed. These words also command us to celebrate the Sacrament, assuring us that our living Lord comes to us now and gives us His body and blood under the bread and wine, thus giving us His peace and blessing.



*Ken Sanders  
Minister of Music*

**THE ADULT CHOIR:** Sharon Hennig, Karen Hildebrand, Lois Hollinger,  
Lois Stambaugh, Dave Stambaugh, Wally Smith, Quitao Zhang, Ding Wang,  
Maria Stankiewicz, Brian Stankiewicz



The special offering for the month of

**NOVEMBER**

Peace Officers



### **NOVEMBER 2018 PARISH VISITOR**

**DECEMBER DEADLINE**

Articles Due November 23rd - Friday

Mail Date November 29th - Thursday

The newsletter will be prepared and sent later due to Thanksgiving



**SERVICE TIME**



*Join us 11:00am Sundays!*



### **MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER**

**Worship Committee**

**Church Council**

**Future Committee**

**To be announced**

**Thursday 8th- 5:30 PM**

**Wednesday 9:00 am-(Fridays as needed)**



### **UPCOMING NOVEMBER SERVICES**

**November 4th Communion (All Saints Day)**

Proclaimer-Reverend James Banach

**November 11th Communion (25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)**

Proclaimer-Reverend James Banach

**November 18th Non-Communion (26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)**

Proclaimer-Geoff Abendschoen

**November 25th Non-Communion (Last Sunday of the Church Year)**

Proclaimer-Geoff Abendschoen



*Sunday  
SERVICES*





## ADVENT WORSHIP

### Sunday Mornings

Come and worship with us and hear about the coming of the promised Messiah on Sunday mornings at 11:00 A.M.



December 2

December 9

December 16

December 23 (Lessons and Carols).

## ADVENT WORSHIP

### Wednesday Evenings

Begin by having a light supper at 6:00 P.M. in the fellowship room.  
Then join in a special series of sermons for Advent at 7:00 P.M.

November 28

December 5

December 12

December 19



## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

There will be an opportunity to worship the "New Born Baby" on Christmas Eve.

## CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday, December 24, 7:00 P.M.



Unto Us a  
Child  
is Born

## Sick & Shut-in



### Bonnie Abendschoen

138 Crown Pointe Drive  
York, PA 17401

### Joyce Devan

2408 Lovegren Court  
York, PA 17404

### Dawn Frey

382 West North Street  
York, PA 17401

### Bill Hildebrand

3530 Fox Run Road  
Dover, PA 17315

### Gloria Whitekettle

2361 Log Cabin Road  
York, PA 17408

### Ruth Hermann

Lutheran Home Skilled Care  
Room 404A  
1801 Gladfelter Circle  
York, PA 17404

If you are aware of any changes with those on the list please contact the church office.

We encourage you to drop a card or letter to our shut-ins to let them know that they are missed and a valued member of the congregation.

## THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST**

**7:00 PM**

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PRAYERS

Ruthetta Fogle  
Christians especially in the Middle East– persecuted  
Prayer Warriors—Spirit is moving  
Becky Lupp-illness  
Angie Linebaugh-Illness  
Susan Null-Cancer  
Helen Wu-Husband in nursing home  
Marianne DeModena-Cancer  
Patti Tripp-COPD  
Christine Neal (Bonnie Abendschoen’s cousin)-Flu.  
Bill Stockwell-Radio Host WYCO-Heart Procedure  
Brenton Allen-Kidney failure  
Olivia Stankiewicz-Healing (Grand-daughter of Brian and Maria Stankiewicz)  
Noel Van Sliedrecht-Accident  
Beth Smith  
For the people affected by Hurricane Michael  
Gary

FIRST TIME REQUESTS

Nancy Hildebrand-Special Prayer for Health  
Bonnie Abendschoen-Special Prayer for Health

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Bonnie Abendschoen	Dawn Frey	Joyce Devan
Gloria Whitekettle	Bill Hildebrand	Ruth Hermann

LEADERS

Church Pastor, Minister of Music Ken Sanders, Lay Leaders, Pastor Cosgrove, Pastor Nzinski, Pastor Zimmerman, Pastor Brasso, Pastor Koontz, Pastor Merrell, Pastor Banach, Pastor Robertson, Pastor Schaefer. Sally Hiller, David Maack. District President John Denninger

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

For our Community Radio Station  
For 140 years  
For all of God’s Gifts  
Wally Smith

SPIRITUAL NEEDS

For all those who do not know Jesus as Lord  
For our “action” committees/task forces  
Our Community and Families



3rd - David Myers, Jr.  
6th - Chase Abendschoen  
6th - Graham Abendschoen  
7th - Wayne Hildebrand III  
13th - Tyr Abendschoen  
14th - Carol Adair  
17th - Shirley Dennis  
22nd - Gary Fogle  
23rd - Gloria Whitekettle



**Please Note - On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday service of the month** the birthdays for the month will be read. The Birthdays for the current month will be posted on the bulletin board

Early December

3rd - Karl vanDyk  
4th - Amy Williams

PRAYERS (cont.)

MILITARY

Kevin Kuhn	U.S.C.G.
Lindsay Wood	U.S.A.F.
Dakota Kaufman	U. S. Army in Kuwait
Matthew Holland	U. S. Army
Chuck Barrows	U. S. Army
Megan Messersmith	U.S.A.F.
Krista McKenzie	U.S.A.F.
Jonathan Cosgrove	U.S.M.C.
James Bova	U. S. Navy
Dylan Moynihan	U. S. Navy
Tyr Abendschoen	U. S. Army



POLICE

Jonathan

We remember in prayer those who are in need of God’s special presence in their lives due to special needs:



ALL SAINTS DAY - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018

We remember before You with thanks for the blessings of body and soul You gave those who have preceded us to glory. Likewise, our hearts are full, recalling the blessings You showered on us through these, our brothers and sisters in Christ.

John E. Woltman III  
Betty L. Smith (Laird)  
William T. Whitekettle



FREE BREADS AND DESSERTS



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DOORS OPEN AT 9:30 AM



**COFFEE CUPS / DEER TRACKS** are for sale. The cups have our church name on them and the deer tracks are a painted wooden cutout of the church. Call or leave a message on the church phone-(717) 843-8597.

Coffee cups are \$6.00

Deer tracks are \$12.00.



ALTAR FLOWER - OPEN DATES

All Sundays in November and December.



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formerly Pregnancy & Family Resource Center

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