

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021

REMINDER: We have regathered for in person worship Sundays at 10 am. Masks are strongly encouraged. For those not ready to return, the livestream continues on our YouTube Channel.

MESSAGE FROM ROBIN+

This week we begin our stewardship season at Christ and Grace. Our theme this year is *Every Perfect Gift* and we will share a meditation each week to help us think about the gifts God has entrusted to us, called us to steward. Watch for a mailing that will contain a pledge card, and rather than immediately filling it out and returning it, we hope you will sit with it as you read the weekly reflections, and prayerfully consider and give thanks for the perfect gifts that bless your life.

Our faith and our parish family are foundational to support the many ways we practice good stewardship of all our gifts. Imagine Jesus asking us, as he asked of Bartimaeus, “Christ and Grace, what do you want from me?” and then consider how your perfect gifts from God might make that transformation possible.

THE HOPE CENTER

As grocery prices rise and temperatures fall, the Hope Center food pantry is in need of our food donations. You may bring items to church any time and leave them in the orange bin on the back porch. Marwee delivers these items to the Hope Center twice a month.

Your assistance helps those in need in our community.

DEATH OF A PARISHIONER

Oliver Allen Pamplin, 87, of N. Chesterfield, VA passed away on Monday, October 4, 2021.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Oliver, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

MEETING THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Christ and Grace is collecting bed linens and men’s clothing for Martha For The Homeless. Martha has seven families in need of queen or full size bedding. Also, with winter approaching, articles of men’s clothing such as socks, pants shirts and jackets are needed. Donated items may be new or used. Items will be collected in Lackey Hall on the stage from 10/10 thru 10/24. Drop off times are Wednesday 10-3, Friday 9-12, and Sundays.

Your continued support for community members in need is greatly appreciated.

ECW PECAN SALE

The Annual Pecan Sale has begun and orders will be taken through Friday, October 29th. Please place your order on the forms outside Lackey Hall or by calling the church office at 733-7202. The cost is \$10 per bag and choices include: Commodore Pecan Halves, Pecan Pieces, Dark Chocolate Pecan Halves and Mixed Nuts. Make your check to ECW with Pecan Sale on the memo line and include payment with your order.

PRAYER LIST

We beg you to feed the hungry, protect the refugee, embrace the distressed, house the homeless, nurse the sick, and comfort the dying. Especially we pray for Melba Felty, Michael Fowler, Pegram Johnson, Heydon Lewis, Clyde Mosley, Shelley Richardson, Mark Sheffield, Robbi Spencer, and Mary Villeponteaux.

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Job answered the LORD:

“I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
‘Hear, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you declare to me.’
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;
therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes.”

And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

Mark 10:46-52

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.