

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 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.

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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Will be held this Sunday, October 3 at the Pavilion at 1 pm. We will also be collecting items for the local animal shelter to bless animals in need of love and care.

BIBLE STUDY AT CHRIST AND GRACE BEGINS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

In our Baptismal Covenant we promise to “continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers” with God’s help. Bible Study is a great way to fulfill this promise as we read God’s word together. The time together becomes fellowship and strengthens our community. This fall we are going to begin with the beginning, and read the book of Genesis. Wherever you are in your faith journey, we invite you to join us.

On Thursdays during the day, we will meet at church at noon for Noon Bible Study. We hope you will BYOL – bring your own lunch to enjoy while we study.

On Thursday evenings, we will meet on Zoom at 7 PM for Zoom Bible Study. We hope you will BYOB – bring your own beverage to enjoy while we study.

We will be using a study guide that may be purchased on Amazon or in person at Rainbow Christian Books and Gifts in Colonial Heights.

If you need assistance getting a study guide, let Robin+ know and one will be provided. Please contact Robin+ at rteasley@christandgrace.org or 804-733-7202 so we can contact you with more details and know which study you plan to attend.

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 James Christiansen, Melba Felty, William Pegram Johnson, Heydon Lewis, Clyde Mosley, Shelley Richardson, Mark Sheffield, Robbi Spencer, Mary Villepontaux, Linda Watanabe, and Wyatt.

HOLY COMMUNION

Our service of Holy Communion is held in person and live-streamed each Sunday at 10 AM on our YouTube channel. Please call the church office at 733-7202 or email Robin+ rteasley@christandgrace.org if you would like a home visit with communion, or if you are worshipping online and would like to come to the church to receive communion after the livestream on Sunday.

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.