

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

EVERY PERFECT GIFT

Jesus has some challenging words for us this week. When the disciples marvel at the size and beauty of the temple, Jesus pops their balloon of human accomplishment saying, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” We know this is true. Life is only so long. Stone and mortar crumble with time. Kingdoms and political parties rise and fall. It is the Kingdom of God alone that endures forever.

How are we investing in God’s kingdom? When our earthly kingdom looks bleak and hopeless, this is when Jesus speaks hope to us. “This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.” The process of birth can be long and not without great discomfort, but the result is new life. Are we willing to move forward into this enduring kingdom?

ECW CASSEROLE SALE

In lieu of a bake sale, Christ and Grace ECW is selling casseroles this Advent/Christmas.

- Casseroles are \$12 each and will serve 4-6 people- perfect for freezing or eating right away. Take home a tried-and-true favorite entrée from past Lenten lunch menus!
- Deadline for ordering is Tuesday, November 30th
- Order pick up dates are Saturday, Dec. 4th or Sunday, Dec. 5th, 11am-1pm.
- Sign up on the form outside Lackey Hall or call the church office 733-7202.

REMINDER: Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 21 immediately following the 10 am worship service. The slate of new vestry members will be voted in by acclamation, we will review the challenges and accomplishments of 2021, and the hopes for our parish in 2022.

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.

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, Valerie Jones, Heydon Lewis, Clyde Mosley, Mark Pagano, Eric Pitt, Shelley Richardson, Mark Sheffield, Ted Simpson, Robbi Spencer, and Mary Villepontaux.

THE COLLECT

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Samuel 1:4-20

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

Mark 13:1-8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."