*For those who would heed Jesus’ words and “hold fast” to God’s message of love for the world, we might think that their lives might be lonely. Yet though it may not be many, there are always those faithful who hear what Jesus said and commit to follow Him; no turning back. As today we celebrate our anniversary, we give God thanks for His faithfulness to us as we strive to be faithful to Him and His call upon our lives.*

 *- Pastor Randy*

***Crescentville & Frankford Memorial United Methodist Churches***

**Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost 102nd Anniversary November 13, 2022**

**Welcome**

 Chorus of Welcome *“The Family of God”*

I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God—I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!

Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod; for I’m part of the family, the family of God.

 **Call to Worship** *Psalm 118*

 *Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good, and his love is eternal……In my distress I called*

 *to the Lord; he answered me and set me free. The Lord is with me, I will not be afraid;*

 *what can anyone do to me?......This is the day of the Lord's victory; let us be happy,*

 *let us celebrate!......The Lord is God; he has been good to us......Give thanks to the Lord,*

 *because he is good, and his love is eternal.*

**Opening Hymn** *“God Is Here”* [VS. 1-3]# 660

 God is here! As we His people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure
 what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
 wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit;
 here the Word has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
 here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken,
 Christ sustains us, as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
 what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

 **Opening Prayer**

 **Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate this 102nd anniversary**

 **of Crescentville United Methodist Church: we give You thanks for the fellowship of those**

 **who have worshiped You in this place. We pray that all who seek You here will find You**

 **and receive forgiveness of their sins, so that with joy and peace we all will give witness**

 **to our Lord Jesus Christ in this community. May Your Spirit grace our worship this day**

 **and may Your name always be praised through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns**

 **with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Children’s Message**

**Joys & Concerns………………….……..*Gathered Prayer…………………………The Lord’s Prayer***

*Our Father, who art in heaven,**hallowed be Thy name;**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,*

*on earth as it is in heaven.**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses and debts as we forgive our debtors and those who trespass**against us. And lead us not into temptation,*

*but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Gifts and Offerings The Doxology

 *“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” # 95*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

 **The Offertory Prayer**

**Hymn**  *“The Church’s One Foundation”* [VS. 1-3,5]# 545

 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation

 by water and the Word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;

 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation,
 one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
 and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

 Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder,
 by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
 And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

 Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion
 with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
 like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

**Gospel Lesson**   St. Luke 21:5-19

 Some people were talking about the temple, how it was decorated with beautiful stones and ornaments

 dedicated to God. Jesus said, **6**“As for the things you are admiring, the time is coming

 when not even one stone will be left upon another. All will be demolished.” **7**They asked him, “Teacher,

 when will these things happen? What sign will show that these things are about to happen?”

 **8**Jesus said, “Watch out that you aren’t deceived. Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I’m the one!’

 and ‘It’s time!’ Don’t follow them. **9**When you hear of wars and rebellions, don’t be alarmed.

 These things must happen first, but the end won’t happen immediately.” **10**Then Jesus said

 to them, “Nations and kingdoms will fight against each other. **11**There will be great earthquakes

 and wide-scale food shortages and epidemics. There will also be terrifying sights and great signs

 in the sky. **12**But before all this occurs, they will take you into custody and harass you

 because of your faith. They will hand you over to synagogues and prisons,

 and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. **13*This will provide you***

 ***with an opportunity to testify.*** **14**Make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance.

 **15**I’ll give you words and wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to counter or contradict.

 **16**You will be betrayed by your parents, brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends.

 They will execute some of you. **17**Everyone will hate you because of my name.

 **18**Still, not a hair on your heads will be lost. **19**By ***holding fast***, you will gain your lives.

 **Sermon** *“Holding Fast”*

 **Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles’ Creed*

 I believe in God *the Father Almighty*, maker of heaven and earth;

 And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived

 by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

 the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,

 and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

 from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;

 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Hymn** *“Lift Every Voice and Sing”* # 519

 Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty;
 let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
 Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
 facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
 yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
 We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
 we have come, treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered,
 out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
 thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.
 Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
 lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
 shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

**Benediction**

***Quiet Meditation, Reflection, and Prayer***

**Choral Benediction** *“God Is Here”* [VS. 4]# 660

 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel;
 help us work Your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
 we, who cannot live without You, we adore You! We believe!

**Lectionary Scripture Readings**

The Bible tells the remarkable story of the Son of God and how He died on the cross for our sins. When you read your Bible, you learn more about his incredible journey here on earth, from his miraculous birth in Bethlehem through to his crucifixion and resurrection.

**November 20, 2022 - Reign of Christ**

Luke 23:33-43 - Jeremiah 23:1-6 - Luke 1:68-79 - Colossians 1:11-20

**Joys & Concerns: Keep those prayers going and thank God for His answers! To add a prayer request or share a joy, *please call the church and leave a message.***

 ***(215) 745-7115.*** We have front row seats and witness God’s power, grace and love in action as we pray for others. The character and power of God is revealed as we pray, and we learn to recognize the mystery of God’s will. As our faith grows, we understand that the Lord will continue to work miracles in the lives of others.

**Prayer Requests from November 6th**

Joy for the good run the Phillies had, and also the soccer champions

Prayers for the future of our church as we celebrate our 102 anniversary

Sue Creevey - surgery was successful, prayers for continued recovery.

Traveling mercies for Wayne & Brian

Prayers for those not with us in worship today.

Prayers for Carol Evan's family.

Prayers for Marina Jean who is not feeling well.

**Continuing Prayers:**

Pastor Randy & Family Sana Aman Zilpha Browne Dorothy Buzzard

Caroline (Burghaze’s Daughter) Rev. Khan Scott Meyer Ed Ingle Marva

Cass Quigley Betty Sauerwald & family Wondor Korto

Sylvia Spotts Suzanne Turner Hank & Eva Baumgartel

Prayers for the Ukraine and Russia - for world peace

Prayers for our city and end to violence

Prayers for peace and stability in Sierra Leone.

 Christ the King is next Sunday, November 20th, the last Sunday of the season of Pentecost and of the church year. This day completes the Christian journey through the life of Jesus Christ on earth and in heaven which began with the preparation for the birth of Jesus in Advent.

 On Christ the King Sunday, Christians recognize and worship Christ as king of heaven and earth for all time without challenge and without end. In our worship service next Sunday we celebrate the Christ the King with scripture lessons and hymns that take us through one year of our Christian journey.

 **Mark your calendar**

**Don’t it on the sidelines – get involved!**

**Wednesday, November 16th – NOON**

Women’s Fellowship – Please bring your lunch, beverages and desserts will be provided

**November 23rd - Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship Service**

Philadelphia Protestant Home 6401 Martins Mill Road, Phila PA

Salvation Army Band 7:00 PM, Service begins at 7:30 PM

**November 27th - PLEASE HELP US PREPARE OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS**

We will join together **after worship on November 27th**

to put up our Christmas decorations.

**Wednesdays during Advent – Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, 21**

Advent Vesper Service – 7:00 PM at PPH

**December 11th after worship** – YOUTH - Practice for Christmas Presentation.

**December 18th – during worship – Our youth will present “Merry Christmas”**

Light refreshments after worship.

**December 24th - CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

 **Crescentville UMC 8:00 PM**  (Frankford Memorial UMC 6:30 PM)

Crescentville will have light refreshments after our service.

**December 25th – Christmas Day**

Crescentville and Frankford Memorial will worship together

at Frankford Memorial UMC Church – Time TBD

**January 1st – New Year’s Day**

Crescentville and Frankford Memorial will worship together

at Crescentville UMC Church – Time TBD