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**Last Sunday after Pentecost   November 25, 2018**

**Hanukah - December 2-10, 2018**

**Festival of Lights - Feast of Dedication**

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Pastor: *Let us open our Worship Service this morning in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And all God’s children said:*

**“AMEN. PRAISE THE LORD!**” *(Psalm 106:48)*

Opening Hymn..**#375** (Red Hymnal and on screen)…… “Jesus Shall Reign”

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*Pastor:* Let us take a few moments to silently talk to God from our hearts

*Pastor:* Almighty God our Maker and Redeemer

**We confess unto you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Therefore we come to you in the Name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, trusting in Your mercy, and asking Your forgiveness.**

*Pastor:* If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. (Romans 10: 8-10)

*Congregation*: **Lord Jesus, I believe in You. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise….**#300 vs 1** and on screen…… “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

The Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Lesson……..… (on screen)………….…........... **Daniel 12:8-13**

New Testament Lesson…....…..(on screen.)……..……… **2 Corinthians 4:1-6**

The Gospel.........................(on screen)….……..…...................... **John 10:22-29**

.........................(on screen)….……..…...................... **Matthew 24:15-21**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,**

**world without end. Amen**

Jr. Choir………………….…………………………………..Old Church Choir

Children’s Sermon

Pulpit Hymn …**#437** and on screen**…………………**….. **“ Send The Light”**

Message……………………………… **“Festival of Lights and Dedication”**

Hymn of the Day…… **#431** and on screen………….....  “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

The Apostles’ Creed (from Luther’s Small Catechism, Ambassador Publications, 2007)

**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; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From where He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church, The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen**

The Offertory *(presentation of our offering to the Lord)*

Response: **#88** Words below ….............................“More Precious Than Silver”

**Lord, You are more precious than silver,**

**Lord, You are more costly than gold.**

**Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,**

**And nothing I desire compares with You.** (x 2)

### Prayers of the Church (see insert, congregation may be seated)

After each petition the Pastor will pray: *“We ask this in Jesus Name.”*

Congregational Response: “**Thank you Lord Jesus.”**

The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn….. **#435 vs. 1 & 4** &on screen………

……... “ God of Grace and God of Glory”

Closing Prayer

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

Pastor: *Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.*

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Thank you to **Sara Moore** for reading our Scripture lessons for today.

**Christmas Tree Decoration**

There will be no Adult Class today.  Instead, after our Fellowship Time you are invited to stay and help decorate our Christmas Tree.

**Christmas Cantata**

Next Sunday, during our Worship Service, our Bell Choir and Sr. Choir will be presenting our annual Christmas cantata.

**Holy Communion**

Because of our Christmas Cantata  our Communion Services have been scheduled for the second and fourth Sunday of the month, December 9 and 23.

**New Member Reception**

Our new members will be recognized on Sunday, December 9.

**Grief Support Group**

Pastor Emory will be starting a Grief Support Group this Wednesday, November 26 from 4 to 5 p.m.  If you have not yet expressed an interest in attending, please call the church office. The group will be held for six sessions.

**Confirmation**

Confirmation Instruction will be held in the Pastor's office at 10: 45 a.m.

**TODAY** 9:30 am.......................................................................Worship Service

*Followed by coffee and fellowship*

10:45 am…………………..…………………………..Confirmation

11:15 am…………………. ………………Christmas Tree Decorating

11:00am……….………………………………………Sunday School

**WED.** 6:30am………………...…………….……………Men’s Bible Study

9:00 am…………………...……..………...…………..……..Quilting

2:00 to 3:00 pm ………...……….……. Congregational Prayer Time

4-5 pm……………………………………………Grief Support Group

After School 3:45 to 5:15 p.m…(at Calvary)…..….……..Noah’s Park

6:30-8:30pm……………………………Bell and Senior Choir Practice

**SAT.** 9am-12pm……….(Brickfield Brewery)…....……Bake Sale Fundraiser

**NEXT SUN.** 9:30 am…................................Worship Service/ Christmas Cantata

*Followed by coffee and fellowship*

11:00am………………………………………………Sunday School

11:15 to 11:45 am............................................................... Adult Class