



We Strive to Be: A church devoted to making disciples of Jesus Christ, growing together in knowledge and relationship with God and each other.

Today's Events:

Pantry Patron Dinner: 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

- Nov 22** – No Wednesday Class
- Nov 23** – Thanksgiving (Office Closed)
- Nov 24** – Office Closed
- Nov 29** – Meal: hotdogs, Frito chili pie, chips, dessert
- Nov 29** – 5th Wednesday Outreach: Backpacks for foster children
- Dec 3** – 2024 Women's Ministries Brainstorming Meeting: 2-3 p.m.
- Dec 9** – Host Area Wide Men's Breakfast: 8:30 a.m.
- Dec 25** – Christmas (Office Closed)
- Dec 26** – Office Closed
- Dec 29** – Office Closed
- Jan 1** – Office Closed
- Jan 12-14** - Winterfest

*** There will be no Wednesday night meals in the month of December. ***

Order of Worship

Pilgrim's Praise	Trey Johnson
Song Leader/Welcome	Glenn Walker
.....	<i>Pierce My Ear</i>
.....	<i>Highest Place</i>
Prayer	TBD
.....	<i>Lead Me to Calvary</i>
.....	<i>We Will Glorify</i>
Communion Talk	Cole Roberts
.....	<i>Thank You, Lord!</i>
.....	<i>Thank You, Lord</i>
.....	<i>When Upon Life's Billows</i>
Sermon: Content in All Things	Erik Granberg
.....	<i>It's Me</i>
Shepherd's Prayer	Terry Sherrill
Nursery	Susan Oldham
Sound Booth/Slides	Robb Mills

Sermon Scripture: Philippians 4:11

Sermon Thought:

Content can be defined as, "satisfied or showing satisfaction with things as they are." Being content has a lot to do with choice, desire and goals and the interplay between them. When Paul talks about having learned to be content, he lets the readers know that being satisfied with our circumstances actually has very little to do with our circumstances. Instead, it has more to do with the goals we choose to desire and the interplay between those three.

Sermon Questions:

1. Take a moment and share the goals that you have for: self, family, faith.
2. Some might argue that setting goals for oneself is in contradiction to setting personal goals. What do you think and why?
3. How does living a life on God's path help one be content?

Prayer Requests:

Carol Jantz – having shoulder replacement surgery December 1

Birthdays:

20thShannon Elledge
22ndKira Granberg
23rdRamona Buxton
24thBrian Wright

Next Week's (11/26/23) Servants:

Song Leader

/Welcome: Jim Coker

Pilgrim's Praise: Cole Roberts

Communion

Talk: Roger Unruh

Shepherd's

Prayer: Brent Dittmeyer

Sound Booth/

Slides: Terry Sherrill

Nursery: Kayla Thornton

Greeters For

November: Pam Denney
Linda Swart

Gratitude On Guard

One of the favorite tourist stops for people visiting London, England, is to watch the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace. Besides putting on a grand show, the guard actively protects the palace and the queen from anything and anyone who might seek to penetrate the walls of the palace and harm her. Our hearts and minds are a bit like the queen inside the palace. There are many harmful attitudes that would like to penetrate the walls. Greed. Self-centeredness. Addiction. The feeling that the world owes us. Once inside, these thought patterns wreak havoc on our relationships and steal our joy. If we want to keep them out, we have to place a guard on watch to protect us. But what has the power to protect us from these things?

The guard is gratitude. Ongoing gratitude, expressed in the words we speak and experienced in the way we think – serves as a guard against sinful, harmful attitudes that attack us and try to make themselves at home in us.

It is hard for bitterness to find a foothold in the heart of a grateful person. There's no room for demanding behavior in the life of a grateful person. The same lips that offer thanksgiving are less likely to complain or blame or gossip. Voicing our gratitude humbles us, leaving no room for pride. Expressing gratitude to God builds our faith and confidence in him. Gratitude guards us from the sense of entitlement that would destroy us.

The Lord is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving. Psalm 28:7

Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. Colossians 2:7

From **Dinner Table Devotions** by Nancie Guthrie

Garland Girls

Tomorrow, the 20th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. we will be making cookies and crafts followed by lunch. Please let Kendra know if you are able to attend.

5th Wednesday Outreach

Mark your calendars for November 29, to help with our next outreach to the community. We will be making fringed blankets to go into a backpack with other articles, to bless children who have been removed from their homes by DHS. God has called us to help, and so we help. If this is your passion, please come at 5:30 p.m. for supper and begin working by 6:15 p.m. Check the Wednesday email updates for articles still needed.

NOC Women's Basketball Schedule

If you would like to encourage and support the young women from NOC who have been attending worship with us, here is their basketball schedule. These home games are played at the NOC Maybee Center Fieldhouse on Main St.

Tuesday, Nov. 28 @ 5:30 pm

Friday, Dec. 8 @ 5:30 pm

Monday, Jan. 8 @ 5:30 pm

Monday, Jan. 15 @ 5:30 pm

Thursday, Jan. 18 @ 5:30 pm

Thursday, Jan. 25 @ 5:30 pm

Monday, Jan. 29 @ 5:30 pm

Monday, Feb. 5 @ 5:30 pm

Monday, Feb. 12 @ 5:30 pm

Thursday, Feb. 22 @ 5:30 pm

Thursday, Feb. 29 @ 5:30 pm