Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—November 8, 2026—8:20am



***CALL TO WORSHIP** Lisa Dayton
Adapted from Thom-Shuman

LEADER: We gather to worship God:
not only with those whose hearts
overflow with joy, but with those who long
to offer their deepest sorrows.
ALL: Holy is the Lord and worthy of praise.
LEADER: We gather to follow Jesus:
not only with songs and prayers,
but with lives of service and peace.
ALL: Our justice and hope are in the Lord.
LEADER: We gather to be filled with the Spirit:
for nothing can separate us from the
love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
**ALL: We give honor and thanks for the
presence of God is with us.**

***HYMN** *Stand Up and Bless the Lord*
#662, 1,4,5 UMH

1. Stand up and bless the Lord,
ye people of his choice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.

4. God is our strength and song,
and his salvation ours;
then be his love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.

5. Stand up and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless his glorious name,
henceforth forevermore.

Text: James Montgomery
Music: William Crotch (1836)

SCRIPTURE Psalm 78:1-4 The Message

1-4 Listen, dear friends, to God's truth,
bend your ears to what I tell you.
I'm chewing on the morsel of a proverb;
I'll let you in on the sweet old truths,
Stories we heard from our fathers,
counsel we learned at our mother's knee.
We're not keeping this to ourselves,
we're passing it along to the next generation—
God's fame and fortune,
the marvelous things the Lord has done.

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Nicene Creed* #880

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic
church.**

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We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*universal

SCRIPTURE Psalm 107:1-7 (NRSVUE)

2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God redeemed from trouble 3 and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

4 Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; 5 hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. 6 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and God delivered them from their distress.

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TIME SINGING OUR FAVORITE HYMNS

PRAYER CHORUS *People Need the Lord*
#2244 FWS

People need the Lord,
People need the Lord;
At the end of broken dreams
He's the open door.

People need the Lord,
People need the Lord;
When will we realize
People need the Lord.

Text and Music: Greg Nelson and Phill McHugh
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PASTORAL PRAYER PEOPLE
adapted from *Rev. Terri C. Pilarski*

"May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love…"

Holy God, bless our lives, sanctify us. Anoint us with your grace. May the love of Christ urge us on, may we walk by faith.

Holy God, bless those who govern – bless the leaders of nations, countries, towns, and cities. And those who lead in all manner – social, political, and religious – bless us all. Fill the hearts of all with your wisdom. Guide us in the way of justice and integrity for all. Guide us to walk by faith.

Holy God, tend to those who suffer in mind, body, and spirit. Tend to the tired, the dying, the poor and the hungry. Help us to follow the love of Christ, a love which urges us on. Help us to seek and serve Christ in others, bringing forth a new creation.

May your love take root in our lives, and may we walk by faith.

Hear us as we pray in the name of Christ, who taught his disciples to pray by saying together: **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, as we forgive 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.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
Offer the peace of Christ by saying:
The peace of Christ be with you.
Respond: **And also with you!**

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GIVING

***RESPONSE** #95, UMH

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.

SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, NRSVUE

12 "Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other."

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MESSAGE *Defenders of Faith*
Rev. David W. Brown

***HYMN** *This is My Song*
#437

This is my song O God of all the nations
A song of peace for lands afar and mine
This is my home the country where my heart is
Here are my hopes my dreams my holy shrine
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine
But other lands have sunlight too and clover
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine
O hear my song Thou God of all nations
A song of peace for their land and for mine

This is my prayer O Lord of all earth's kingdoms
Thy kingdom come on earth Thy will be done
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve Him
And hearts united learn to live as one
O hear my prayer Thou God of all nations
Myself I give Thee let Thy will be done

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Music: FINLANDIA
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BENEDICTION
Adapted from *Daily Bible Study*

As followers of Christ, we are also called to serve. Let's remember that serving others not only uplifts those we help, but it also brings us closer to God. Together, we can strive to emulate this beautiful spirit of service.

In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. AMEN.

**Stand as you are able*

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE

ONLINE GIVING



Veterans Day Remembrance
with **River's Edge Brass Band**
during 9:40 worship in the Sanctuary

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM—11:30 OC



Graham Harold DeMilt
Child of Tyler & Ellie DeMilt



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Those Serving in the Military with Armstrong Connections

Logan Barnhill	Army veteran	FBI agent	grandson of Don Ewers
SSgt Meredith Darrah	Air Force National Guard	starting her nursing residency at Wilford Hall Surgical Hospital at Lackland Air Force Base	daughter of Scott & Amy Darrah
(CPT) Dr. Ty Helton	Army	Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, MD	son of Paul & Joy Helton
SSG Chris Leslie	Army	West Point Band, West Point, NY	son of Ken & Nancy Leslie
CM Wyatt Neal	Navy	Maritime Expeditionary Security Force at Joint Expeditionary Base, Little Creek, VA	son of Jason & Alicia Neal
IC2 Austin Rhodus	Navy	Interior Communications Electrician at Joint Expeditionary Base, Little Creek, VA	great-nephew of Mark & Victoria Rhodus
1LT Kelley Luke Smith	Marines	Recently returned from a 7-month deployment in Australia. His next assignment will be the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, CA for a Masters degree either in Systems Modeling for Air Battle Capability or Space Operations.	son of Kent & Maureen Smith





Thanksgiving Meal Community Outreach

Joshua's Place (www.joshuasplace.cc) is a locally based non-profit that comes alongside families to help them overcome the barriers in their lives that cause instability. We want to bless the families that are part of the Deer Park Food Co-op this holiday season by providing them with a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

BAGS WITH SHOPPING LIST ARE AVAILABLE IN THE ATRIUM. Rolls will be purchased later from Missions money so that they are not expired.

Bags should be returned to the **Atrium** on **Sunday, November 8**.

PACKING SHOEBOXES HELPS CHILDREN IN THE REMOTE CORNERS OF THE WORLD HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL.

Each shoebox helps a local church around the world tell a child about Jesus, God's Greatest Gift. In sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we are also sharing God's Word with dozens of unreached people groups and going to hard-to reach places to make His Name known.

Pre-printed boxes and brochures are available in the Atrium. Visit SamaritansPurse.org for more information.

BOXES ARE DUE 11/16.

Calling All Children Singers!



The Armstrong Chapel Handbell Choir has a music selection for Sunday, Nov. 22, that we would like to feature all children singers ages 6-12. Rehearsals will be Sundays Nov. 8 and 15 from 10:45-11:00am in the Children's Center, and Sunday morning Nov. 22 in the Sanctuary from 8:50-9:10am (accompanied by the Handbell Choir). Parents, if your children are interested in participating, please text or email Chester Imhausen, 513-633-6411, cimhausen@gmail.com.

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Sunday, November 22
11:30am in the Atrium

We are planning to have a gathering to decorate our beautiful church on the Sunday before turkey day. Lunch will be provided. Bring the whole family, lots of hands! and, if you'd like, a favorite dish to share.

Contact Jane Florer (jbflorer@gmail.com or 513-257-5844) with questions.

Advent Candle Lighting

We are looking for couples / families / individuals to do a small reading and light the Advent candles during worship.

11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20
@ 8:20am, 9:40am, 10:30am

12/24
@ 5pm, 8pm, 11pm

SIGN UP AT
https://bit.ly/4B0XE9O



ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Sunday, November 15 at 11:30am in the Atrium featuring a video message from the Bishop.

Everyone is invited to attend, and all members have both voice and vote at this gathering.

