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THE

*Joy*

OF YOUR MASTER

MATTHEW 25:21



**TWENTY-FOUR SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**November 19, 2017**

**11:00 a.m.**

**ASSEMBLE TO PRAISE GOD WITH THANKSGIVING**

**PRELUDE (QUIET MEDITATION PLEASE).....Regina Ford**

**STRIKING OF THE HOUR ..... (Quiet Please).....Organist**

**CANDLELIGHTING..... Hannah Cook & Alexandria Conaway**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Rev. J. L. Perry**

Rejoice and be glad! For God is our salvation. Rejoice and be glad! For God is great.

**OPENING HYMN..... “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” - #276**

**\*OPENING PRAYER..... Rev. J. L. Perry**

God of righteousness, you overcome those who abuse their power and lift up those who suffer. Even now, when evil seems to hold sway we know that you will have the last word. Keep us faithful as we wait and watch for your coming realm, when you will welcome all your children into your kingdom of justice, peace, and love. **Amen.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION.....Ruling Elder Louis Venson**

God has not destined us for wrath, but for salvation in Jesus, who died for us. Confident in God’s mercies, let us confess our sin.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) .....Ruling Elder Louis Venson**

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. When we place our iniquities before you, it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds. As we stand in awe of your constancy for us, we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE ..... Ruling Elder Louis Venson**

Shine your light on your Word, O Lord; by your Spirit let us see your wonder. For your justice outruns our sense of fairness; your love overwhelms our deepest affections. Open our eyes, unstop our ears, and show us your most excellent way, for Jesus’ sake. **Amen.**

\* **GLORIA PATRI**..... #579

\***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE/THE GREETING**

Leader: **The peace of Christ be with you.**

All: And also with you.

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE**..... “With Thankful Hearts”.....Chancel Bell Choir

**MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN**

**WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**THE OFFERTORY**.....“Speak To Me” – Kirk Franklin

\***THE DOXOLOGY** .....#592

\***OFFERTORY PRAYER**.....Ruling Elder Louis Venson

God has entrusted us with a variety of gifts; let us return to the Lord a generous measure of our bounty with thanksgiving and praise. **Amen.**

**PRAYER HYMN**..... “You Are”

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Rev. Dr. Eric Chavis

**WE HEAR AND EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE: LUKE 18:9-14** Rev. Dr. Eric Chavis

**HYMN OF MEDITATION**..... “Holy”

**SERMON: “BUT GOD GIVES THE GROWTH”**

**WE FOLLOW GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\***INVITATIONAL HYMN**..... “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” - #551

\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (P. 14 FO. Hymnal) Rev. J. L. Perry

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME**

**CLOSING**.....“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” – #369

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*BENEDICTION.....** Rev. Dr. Eric Chavis  
May the grace of Christ surround you, the love of God uphold you, and the Holy Spirit spark you with unquenchable fire as you wait and work for the kingdom to come.  
**Amen.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE .....**“Threefold Amen”

**EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES**  
**(PLEASE BE SEATED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER.)**

**POSTLUDE.....**Ms. Regina Ford

**\*Those who are able, please stand.**  
**\*\*Ushers seat those who are standing.**

**SERMON NOTES**

# CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

November 19, 2017

## WELCOME!

If you are visiting with us today, we ask that you sign a guest card on the table in the lobby and also pick up a visitor's packet from that table. You are invited to participate in any of the ministries at Woodlawn. If you have any questions, please call us at 768-1777 or 768-5905. If you desire to become a member, you may come forward during the singing of the hymn following the sermon or you may inform the pastor of your desire after worship. Thank you for visiting with us today.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:

Mercedes Davis--744-7626; Leola Hamilton--764-1442; Daniel Colleton; Ailedra McClain--803-586-6322; Barbara Walker--702-252-4970; Jacquelyn Colleton-Akins--521-3805; Jacquelyn Tatum--843-640-3484; Deborah & Oscar Randolph--765-4327; Louise Guinyard--766-6415; Moses Jackson--355-3787; Affie Itiat; Viviloria Frazier--762-3089; Sarah Gardner--764-3978; Mable Neither--509-7128; Ruth Smith --765-2145; Joyce Hamilton--744-0451; Thomas Witherspoon--757-3350; Lee Edna Nicholson--768-2991; Nancy Watts--353-3603.

### *(In Hospitals, Nursing Homes Rehab. Centers, etc.)*

Forrestine Donalson & Joe Trapp--Brookdale--Mandarin-423-3949; Carl Davis--Riverside Presbyterian House; Altomease Duncan--Terrace of Jacksonville--930-0229; William Hill--Autumn Village, Inc. Assisted Living, 1103 Barrs St.; Silas Givens--Sugar Manor Assisted Living, 8985 S. Suncoast Blvd. Homosassa, FL 34446 (904) 485-7813; Thomas Harvey; Atrium Way--673-4313; Sandra Jefferson--UF Health; St. Vincent--Southside.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE – The Northside Christian Service Center Thanksgiving service will be held at Highlands Baptist Church, 2159 Broward Rd. at 7:00 p.m. November 21, 2017.

THE SENIORS AND RETIREES ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON will be Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> in the Family Life Center.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>.

**INCOME & ATTENDANCE REPORT – 11/12/2017**

<b>Current Operations</b>	5,014.25	<i>Sunday school</i>	51
<b>Building Fund</b>	886.75	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	180
<b>Other Designated Funds</b>	<u>190.80</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,091.80</b>		

**THE HERTIAGE SINGERS OF JACKSONVILLE** will present *“Heavenly Lights of December Nights”* at Woodlawn Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Please join us for a concert of star themed music!

--Linda Andrews

**TO REV. CHAVIS, REV. PERRY, AND MY WOODLAWN FAMILY:** My family and I thank you for the cards, calls, and most of all prayers during our time of sorrow in the loss of Amari Harley. God bless you all and please continue to keep us in your prayers.

--Regina Guinyard & Reja Tribune & Family

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – You are invited to attend Sunday school. Join us and experience great discussion, the exchange of ideas and wonderful fellowship. Give it some consideration. There is a class designed especially for your interest.

**RECORDINGS** – If you would like to order recordings or special services of the 11:00 a.m. service, see Eris Northern. (DVD - \$12.00/CD - \$5.00). You may also make a donation to the Tape Ministry, if you wish.

**YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO DONATE FLOWERS** to adorn the chancel area in recognition of special people and events. Forms are available in the vestibule for your convenience. The cost is \$30.00 including delivery. Please indicate if you wish the flowers to be given to the sick.

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS**

**Elders**

Hansler Bealyer  
Jessica Brock  
Bennie Clark  
Avis Mathews  
Reva M. Oliver (2year term)  
Doris H. Swinton  
Denise Walker

**Deacons**

Adam Bealyer  
Irmatine Bealyer  
Freddie Brown  
Stephanie Holloway  
Oday Mickel  
Sandra Taylor

**Trustees**

Carla Finney  
Susan Harper  
Jimmy Groover  
Anthony Harley  
Ben Hawkins  
Patsy Phillips

## **COMMUNION SERVERS FOR DECEMBER 2017:**

8:15 a.m. – C. Bookhart, A. Mathews, C. Newton, F. Newton, R. Oliver, G. Patterson,  
H. Polite, L. Leroy.

11:00 a.m. – A. Austin, N. Austin, B. Brown, P. Brown, D. Conaway, B. Darby, J. Darby,  
J. Dixon, G. Flanders, C. Fowler, \*G. Hardy, G. Holley, S. Houston, I.  
Kennebrew, A. McClain, M. Mickel, P. Miley, N. Nesbit, III, Sonja  
Robinson, \*D. Walker.

**\*Will assist the Pastor in serving the shut –in on Sunday**

## **ACOLYTE SCHEDULE TO SERVE FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017**

November 19 – Hannah Cook & Alexandria Conaway

November 26 – Amaya Morene & Brandon Fowler

December 3 – Nathan Nesbit, IV & Jordan Webster

December 10 – Lauryn Austin & Hannah Cook

December 17 – Brianna Fowler & Amya Morene

December 24 – Brandon Fowler & Micah Groomes

December 31 – Alexandria Conaway & Lauryn Austin

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**HERITAGE SINGERS OF JACKSONVILLE** – December 10, 2017 – 4:00 p.m

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING** – December 23, 2017 – 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**WATCH NIGHT SERVICE** – December 31, 2017 – 7:00 p.m

St. Paul Lutheran Church

**YOU CAN ASSIST US IN KEEPING IN TOUCH** – Please give us the phone numbers  
and addresses of college students, out-of-town members and changes of local members.

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**National Black Presbyterian Caucus – NBPCsoutheast.org**

**Presbytery of St. Augustine – Staugpres.org**

**Synod of the South Atlantic – synodofsouthatlantic.org**

**Presbyterian Church (USA) – PCUSA.org**

**Presbyterian Foundation – Presbyterian foundation**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Sunday, Nov. 19      8:15 a.m. – Worship  
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. – Worship
- Monday, Nov. 20      5:30 p.m. – Chancel Bell Choir  
6:00 p.m. – Men’s Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. – Men’s Council Meeting
- Tuesday, Nov. 21      4:30 p.m. – Exercise Class  
7:00 p.m. – Trustee Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m. – Thanksgiving Service  
Highlands Baptist Church
- Wednesday, Nov. 22      11:00 a.m. – Bible Study  
5:30 p.m. – PITS Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. – Prison Ministry  
6:00 p.m. – Bible Study
- Saturday, Nov. 25      9:00 a.m. – Christmas Play Rehearsal

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** – Please join us for our Interim Pastor and Parish Associate Birthday Celebration! Please plan to attend a “Birthday Cake and Ice-cream Social” immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service Sunday, December 10, 2017. There will be “birthday bags” available for birthday greetings and/or tokens of love.

**COMMUNION SCHEDULE** will be coming out for the next year very soon. If you are a deacon or elder unable to serve or wish to have your name removed from the Communion schedule, please contact the Moderator of the Deacon Board, Mrs. Caressa Bookhart or the Clerk of Session, Ms. Anne Hart.

**TO MODERATORS OF ALL BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND GROUPS:** It is time to begin working on your annual report for 2017. Reports are due in the church office on or before Sunday, January 14, 2018.

**CHRISTMAS PLAY REHEARSALS** for children grades Pre-K – 12 will be Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and each Saturday until Christmas Eve at the same time. Thank you for your support and getting our children to rehearsals. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Shirley Fowler.