

# November 2021 Worship Guide

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*This booklet contains the outline for each worship service during the month of November 2021.*

*As of the time of going to print, Sunday worship is in person, online and broadcast on the radio (you can listen in your car on FM 87.9, in the church parking lot). If you are not able to attend in person, you can watch online on our website and YouTube channel. Even if we are not worshipping in the same building, we are still one body, one family, we are brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Look up the scriptures referenced in the following pages; pray the words, and claim the promises for you and your family. - Pastor Jonathan*

## **Bible Verses for Thanksgiving**

Be encouraged with Scripture on why we should give thanks and how to express our gratitude. It's so easy during the holiday season (or any time of the year!) to be overwhelmed with all the tasks and activities to do that we forget to stop and reflect on why we should be celebrating. Take a minute to stop and read these Bible verses as you meditate on all the ways God has blessed you! Below are some Thanksgiving Bible Verses to help you focus your heart and mind on gratitude:

2 Chronicles 5:13 The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: "He is good; his love endures forever." Then the temple of the LORD was filled with the cloud,

2 Corinthians 4:15 All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

2 Corinthians 9:11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Jeremiah 30:19 From them will come songs of thanksgiving and the sound of rejoicing. I will add to their numbers, and they will not be decreased; I will bring them honor, and they will not be disdained.

Psalms 9:1 I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 3:16-17 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him

Psalms 107:8-9 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Psalms 95:2-3 Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

1 Corinthians 1:4-5 I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—

2 Corinthians 4:15-16 All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

Ephesians 1:15-16 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.

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# NOVEMBER WORSHIP

## Worship November 7 - All Saints Sunday

### **Scriptures to read and meditate on**

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17, Ps 127, Ps 42, Heb 9:24-28, Mk 12:38-44

### **Call To Worship**

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

### **Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, although we are the communion of saints, we are also a circle of sinners. We cling to death, hiding in tombs that we have carved out of fear and stubbornness, ignoring your call to come out. We fail to unbind each other from oppression, poverty, and abuse. You lay a feast before us, but we fill ourselves with selfishness and wonder why we are hungry. We are convinced that our best days are behind us, not believing that you are making all things new. Forgive us, we pray, and show us the light that we yearn to see. Lead us out of the cave and into your everlasting way, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness, to your honor and glory. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, and surrounded by the great cloud of witnesses, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## Worship November 14

### **Scriptures to read and meditate on**

1 Sam a:4-20, 1 Sam 2:1-10 or Ps 113, Heb 10:11-18, 19-25, Mk 13:1-8

### **Call To Worship**

Brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

**Verona Food Pantry - We are still collecting paper goods all through November. Also -**

# NOVEMBER WORSHIP

## Worship November 14 Continued

### **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we often would rather take care our human made structures rather than your divinely made people. We are often led astray from you by false voices that try to lure us into a false security. We see wars, hatred, and violence everywhere, yet despair of ever stopping them. We see oppression, injustice, and persecution but fail to

raise our voices in prophetic protest. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to remember the vision set before us in Isaiah, of a new Heaven and a new Earth, so that we will not be idle in our walk with you. Empower us to work, by your Spirit, to bring in your Kingdom around us.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Exalted Lord, thank you for your provisions in life in which we can share with others. Thank you for the vision you set before us and for bringing us into Your Kingdom. By your Spirit, sustain us in this life and give grace to those who are persecuted for their faith in you, and to us who feel persecution from life itself. Take these offerings and use it to transform communities, lives, and to spread Your Kingdom to all the Nations. Through Christ, our Lord and Kingdom bringer, we pray. Amen.

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## Worship November 21 - Christ the King Sunday

### **Scriptures to read and meditate on**

2 Samuel 23:1-7, Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18), Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37

### **Call To Worship**

The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved; Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring. More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the LORD! Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

### **Prayer of Confession**

God of Eternity, we stand with the courage of those who insisted, even in perilous times, that not even the most powerful rulers of this earth hold our eternal destiny in their hands. We are secure in Christ, whose reign is just, whose power is endless, and whose love is unfathomable. God of Eternity, we join the chorus of saints who continue to declare that Christ is our King. Forgive us when our hearts are reluctant to be obedient to your voice. Forgive us when our loyalty to your Kingdom falters. We know you are a grace filled King, who loves and serves. Empower us, O Master, to walk with you and to worship you not only with our words, but with our very lives. Through Christ our King, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever! Amen.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Lord our God; we thank you for sending us Truth in your one and only Son. We thank you for sending us a King who is filled with love, grace, and mercy who guides us with his right hand of Truth and power. Take our gifts that we offer to you now and bless them so that your supreme authority of love and forgiveness will be known in our communities and around the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# ADVENT WORSHIP

## Worship November 28 - First Sunday in Advent

### Scriptures to read and meditate on

Jer 33:14-16, Ps 25:1-10, 1 Thes 3:9-13, Lk 21:25-36

### Lighting the Advent Candle

Time to Go Home

Reader One: We feel like tired and scared shark hunters, alone on a boat in the middle of sea. We don't know if we have the strength to face what is before us, hunting us, hurting us. We huddle around a table in this hold of a leaky vessel, and we sing what comes to mind.

Reader Two: Show me the way to go home, I'm tired and I want to go to bed. I had a little drink about an hour ago and it's gone right to my head. Wherever I may roam on land or sea or foam, you can always hear me singing a song: show me the way to go home.

Reader One: Home. The prophet Jeremiah speaks of a branch that will be raised. Jesus spoke of a Son of Man that will descend. Both point to a hope – a hope that calls us home. Our true home, where we're welcomed and loved and included, where there is justice and equality and peace. It's time, this Advent season, time to go home.

Reader Two: We light this candle, as a sign of our hope, our strong hope that there is a way to go home. To the home in Christ, and it starts with us, and it starts here, and it starts now. It's time to go home.



### Prayer of Confession

Righteous one, to you alone we lift our souls; in you alone, we place our trust; for you alone we wait all day long. For you are the God of our salvation, abounding in mercy and steadfast love. Forgive us for those times in our lives that we have not waited on you. Forgive us for the times that we have fallen asleep and given into the darkness of our lives. Help us remain alert and watchful for the coming of your promised one— the one who comes with power and glory, the one drawing near to bring our salvation and brings us eternally home. Amen.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, we thank you that when Heaven and Earth pass away, Your words will not pass away. We thank you that you have planted your word within our hearts so that we can be bearers of the Good News. Bless our gifts we offer now and use them to bring light into the darkness. Help us to give ourselves generously, for we do not know the day or the hour. We pray in the name of the one who will come, Christ our Lord. Amen.

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2 Corinthians 9:11-12 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. <sup>12</sup> This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

1 Timothy 4:4-5 For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

1 Chronicles 16:34 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Psalms 7:17 I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness; I will sing the praises of the name of the LORD Most High.

Psalms 28:7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

Psalms 100:4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Psalms 106:1 Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Isaiah 12:4 In that day you will say: "Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

Jeremiah 33:11 the sounds of joy and gladness, the voices of bride and bridegroom, and the voices of those who bring thank offerings to the house of the LORD, saying, "Give thanks to the LORD Almighty, for the LORD is good; his love endures forever." For I will restore the fortunes of the land as they were before,' says the LORD.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.  
Blessings, Pastor Jonathan.

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5TH**  
**4 P.M. UNTIL IT'S GONE!**

*drive-thru*

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# Psalm 127 Word Search

Just for fun, or use as a teaching aide with your younger family members.

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Find the **23 bold** words or phrases from Psalm 127

## God's Blessings in the Home

<sup>1</sup> Unless ***the Lord builds*** the house,  
those who build it ***labor in vain***.

Unless the Lord ***guards the city***,  
the guard ***keeps watch*** in vain.

<sup>2</sup> It is in vain that you ***rise up early***  
and go ***late to rest***,  
***eating the bread*** of ***anxious toil***;  
for he ***gives sleep*** to ***his beloved***.

<sup>3</sup> Sons are indeed a ***heritage***  
from the Lord,  
the ***fruit*** of the womb a ***reward***.

<sup>4</sup> Like ***arrows*** in the hand of a ***warrior***  
are the ***sons*** of one's ***youth***.

<sup>5</sup> ***Happy*** is the man who has  
his ***quiver*** full of them.

He shall not be ***put to shame***  
when he ***speaks*** with his ***enemies***  
in ***the gate***.



Cherryvale is participating in Operation Christmas Child again. Last year we packed almost 100 boxes. We would like to exceed that this year. Boxes will be available in the church for pick up around the 2nd week of October.

All packed boxes need to be in the church by November 11 for blessing during service that weekend. We will take care of getting your boxes to the drop off location. If you need help with shoeboxes, call the office or Joyce Swisher or Mary Perkins. Thanks and happy packing.

## How to Pack a Shoebox

- a. Pick up an empty shoebox from the church.
- b. Label your box with a label to indicate on your shoebox whether it was packed for a boy or girl and which age category: 2–4, 5–9, or 10–14.
- c. Fill with gifts. Select a medium to large "wow" item such as a soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal, then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Don't forget to also include a personal note and photo—sometimes these are the child's favorite things to receive!
- d. Pray. Most importantly, "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17) for the child who will receive your shoebox gift.
  - Please also pray for:
  - Their family to also be receptive to the Good News of Jesus Christ.
  - The pastor of the church who delivers your shoebox gift.
  - Their community to be transformed by the Gospel.
- e. Return your shoebox to Cherryvale before

## What Goes in My Shoebox?

**A Wow Item:** • Doll • Soccer ball (Make sure to include a manual air pump.) • Stuffed animal • An outfit of clothing to wear • Small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder)

**Craft Items:** • Pencils • Small manual pencil sharpener • Colored pencils • Pencil case • Crayons • Markers • Pens • Coloring pads • Coloring books • Picture book • Notebooks • Glue stick (Do not include liquid glue.) • Small adhesive tape • Crayons/markers, canvas or paper • Make-it-yourself craft items or kit • Stickers • Skipping rope/Jump rope

**Toys:** • Foam ball • Kickball • Finger puppets • Slinky • Small kite • Etch a Sketch.

**Personal Items:** • Comb • Hairbrush • Toothbrush • Washcloth • Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.) • Blanket • Shirts and pants • Pillowcase dress (loose-fitting sundress) • Underwear • Shoes and socks • Flip-flops • Hat/scarf/mittens • Sunglasses • Tote bag/purse • Hair bows • Friendship bracelets

***For more suggestions, call the church office for an extensive list. Do Not Include: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.***