



*Niccolls Memorial
Presbyterian Church*

Sunday Morning Worship

Twenty third Sunday after Pentecost

October 28th, 2018

10:00 am

Our Mission

*To live out Christ's love
by nurturing spiritual growth and fellowship,
and by reaching out in faith and love.*

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Open our eyes, Lord. Help us to see Jesus as he reaches out to heal our blindness. Help us to let go of all those things that keep us in darkness. This day, as your word is proclaimed, let our hearts and souls respond with joy. Transform and Re-form our lives to do your will. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen

“The Gathering”

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY NEWS

PRELUDE

***INTROIT** – *“Great Are You, Lord”* #614

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, take refuge in the Lord, for God is good.

People: From the storms and struggles of life we come.

Leader: Come, rejoice in the Lord, for God will provide peace for you.

People: From fear and anxiety, we come to find peace.

Leader: Come, open your hearts to the Lord and you will be made whole.

People: Thanks be to God for the many ways in which we are blessed.

This day and all days we will praise the Lord. Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN** – *“Here in This Place”* #401

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

When we cannot do it, God can! Anything and everything - our messes, the hurts we inflict on others, the way we stand around when we could be helping - God can renew, reshape, restore us. That is how much God loves us, this is why God calls to us to come and be healed. Join me as we pray to our God, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We think that we want to be healed of our blindness, gracious God, but actually we have become so comfortable in our darkness that we fear the light.

It is as though we are living in a cave, and rather than take a risk to face the light, we prefer to face the dark wall.

Give us courage to take risks which will result in not only our own transformation, but also the transformation opportunities for others.

Forgive our stubborn insistence on living in darkness.

Take our hands and lead us to the light.

Help us to be ready for your reformation. Amen.

A TIME FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***GLORY TO GOD** – #583

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

“Engaging the Word”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Old Testament: Job 42:1-6; 10-17 pg. 424

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52 pg. 823

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE – *“How Eager Are You?”*

Rev. Loril Hawk

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** – *“Jesus, Have Mercy!”*

BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4 D ("Morning Has Broken")

"Jesus, have mercy! Help! Son of David!"

So Bartimaeus called to the Lord.

Filled with great faith, he knew as he waited:

Christ was his hope for vision restored.

Jesus, have mercy! May we see clearly

You gave a gift we cannot repay.

You had it all, but loving us dearly,

Even your life, Lord, you gave away.

Jesus, have mercy when we're uncertain,

Hiding our talents high on our shelves.

As we've been blessed, may we be an offering —

Healing your world by giving ourselves.

Jesus, have mercy! May we give freely

So that the church has plenty to share.

May we bring tithes and offerings gladly,

Reaching to those in need everywhere.

Jesus, have mercy! Give us new vision;

Show us new ways to build up your church.

We are your people, called into mission!

Help us to bring your hope to the earth.

Tune: Traditional Gaelic melody ("Morning Has Broken")

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

“Thanksgiving”

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM

***DOXOLOGY –**

#697vs.1,4

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May our gifts be used to answer the needs of those who seek you and those who don't even know you love them, O God, delivering them from their fears, listening to their cries for help, offering refuge to those who are searching for hope. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

“Sending”

***HYMN –** *“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*

#39

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***EXTROIT –** (all sing) *“May the God of Hope Go with Us”*

#765

***We invite those who are able, to stand.**

Notes and Announcements

Whatever your religious background and however you have come to be here, we welcome you to our fellowship in Niccolls Memorial Presbyterian Church. We hope you feel comfortable and will be strengthened in your walk with God. We invite you to join us for fellowship and sustenance in the Social Room following worship.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – There will be a brief congregational meeting after the 10:00am worship service *Today* to vote on filling another seat on Session, as well as treasurer, financial secretary and nominating committee members for next term. It is important that we have a quorum to proceed with this important business, so please be sure to attend.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY – “Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.” (Jeremiah 29:12). If you have a prayer request, you may initiate the prayer chain by calling Sue Mahoney at 315-390-4025, e-mailing Cindy Rose at cindy41854@hotmail.com, or contacting the church office at 315-369-3475. All information remains confidential.

CHURCHES PRAYER CYCLE – The Presbyterian Church is connectional by design and practice. Every week we lift up in prayer a church or ministry within the Presbytery of Utica. This week we pray for: Presbyterian Women, in the Presbytery of Utica.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY – The study “takes readers on a journey through scripture to consider circumstances in which God articulated God’s promise of presence.” We often need reassurance that God is with us, so looking at the various circumstances when God promises, “I am with you” or “I will be with you” gives us much to discuss together. Come to the social room at 9:30 each Tuesday for a time of study and good fellowship. It's not too late to join the discussion. All are welcome!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – The Niccoll's Presbyterian Women's Group invites you to pack a Christmas Shoe box full of fun items (and much needed items) for child less fortunate than our own. Pick a boy or girl ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 for purchasing your gifts. Please remember to include a \$9.00 donation to cover the cost of shipping. Remember these gift boxes travel around the world. A table has been set up in the Narthex on which you can find a list of suggested gifts, shoe boxes, tags for your boxes, information on Operation Christmas Child®, Prayer cards, and stickers. You will find red and green shoe boxes already decorated or plain shoe boxes for decorating with Christmas paper. Please drop off your filled Shoe Boxes to the same table between October 29th and November 9th.

Thank you for helping spread great joy throughout the Christmas season. God Bless

THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Marcia Macdonald. If you or someone you know has a special need, please call her at 315-369-6422.

STAFF OPENING – We are still looking for a part time Music Director. For inquiries, please call or e-mail the church office.

Calendar of Events October 29 to November 2

Monday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
Tuesday	9:30am	PW Horizons Bible Study
Wednesday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
	10am-2pm	Senior Activity Program
	7pm-8pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	8pm-9pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
	7pm-8:30pm	Mission Boutique Open
Saturday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
Sunday	7:30am	Worship Service
	9am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00am	Worship Service

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Pastor – Rev. Loril Hawk

Pastor Emeritus – Rev. James L. Ulrich

Organist/Pianist – Judith Barker

Ushers – Steve Shanley, Sue Norris