



*Niccolls Memorial  
Presbyterian Church*

*Sunday Morning Worship*

*Twenty fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

*November 4<sup>th</sup>, 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

Lord, we gather here this day in praise and thanksgiving for all the wonderful things you have done for us. Help us to be faithful disciples in all that we think, do and say, that your great love may be revealed and offer healing to all people. Amen.

### *“The Gathering”*

## WELCOME AND COMMUNITY NEWS

## PRELUDE

INTROIT – *“Great Are You, Lord”*

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Liturgist:* Deborah Elmer

Leader: Listen and hear, all you people of the book!

There is one God who created all time and space.

**People: Our hope is in God who made heaven and earth.**

**All creatures of the land and sea come from God.**

Leader: You shall love God with all your heart and soul.

You shall honor God with all your mind and strength.

**People: We will praise God as long as we live.**

**We will sing of God’s glory all through our lives.**

Leader: A second commandment is like the first:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

**People: God watches over strangers and widows and orphans.**

**We honor God by honoring these, our sisters and brothers.**

\*HYMN – *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

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## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

God alone deserves our trust and loyalty. Yet we have not always trusted, and our faithfulness is sometimes in question. This time of confession offers the opportunity to unburden our conscience, to experience forgiveness, and to renew our covenant with the Eternal One. Let us confess our sins together.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We have not kept faith in you, righteous God.**

**There are so many distractions that occupy our time!**

**There are so many groups to claim our loyalty.**

**There are so many activities that bid for our attention.**

**Even the church involves us in busyness that often keeps us from matters of greater importance. In these moments,**

**we seek to know you and to be known by you,**

**that in an honest exchange our relationship with you and with the people around us might be strengthened.**

**In your name, and joining with you, we seek justice for the oppressed, food for the hungry, and healing for all. Amen.**

## A TIME FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

We can count on God's active presence when all other hope is gone.

Let us respond in gratitude to the One who deals kindly with us and whose will for us is love and joy and peace.

Happy are those whose help and whose hope is in the one true God, who reigns for all generations and beyond time.

Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven.

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### **GLORY TO GOD –**

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

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

### *“Engaging the Word”*

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **READINGS FOR THE DAY**

*Old Testament:* Deuteronomy 6:1-9 pg. 143

*Gospel:* Mark 12:28-34 pg. 825

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **MESSAGE – “What’s the Point?”**

Rev. Loril Hawk

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” #203**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

### *“Thanksgiving”*

## **MOMENT FOR MISSION – Ken Strike**

## **INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS**

## **CALL TO THE OFFERING**

Our energies and our resources are claimed by whatever is truly most important to us.

If God is at the center of our lives, that will be apparent in what we give.

From God we have received love so amazing that a lifetime of thanks is inadequate response. Let us give of ourselves and our resources wholeheartedly.

## **CHOIR ANTHEM**

## DOXOLOGY –

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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

Receive from us, O God, the best we have to give. All we have comes from you. We return a portion with joy to accomplish the work we intend to do together in your name. We bring ourselves as well, to be blessed by you, so that while we are apart our words and deeds will continue to be a significant offering. May our lives praise you! Amen.

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### *“Sending”*

HYMN – *“Help Us Accept Each Other”*

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## CHARGE & BENEDICTION

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

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### 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.*

**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](mailto:cindy41854@hotmail.com), or contacting the church office at 315-369-3475. All information remains confidential.

**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 Niccolls’ 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 Jan Park. If you or someone you know has a special need, please call her at 315-369-6889.

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

**NOTE:** Remember to set the clocks back this Sunday at 2:00 AM

**Calendar of Events November 5 to November 11**

<b>Monday</b>	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30am	PW Horizons Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
	10am-2pm	Senior Activity Program
	7pm-8pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	8pm-9pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	1 pm	Caregiver Support Group
<b>Friday</b>	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
	7pm-8:30pm	Mission Boutique Open
<b>Saturday</b>	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	9am	Choir Rehearsal
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>

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**Pastor** – Rev. Loril Hawk

**Pastor Emeritus** – Rev. James L. Ulrich

**Organist/Pianist** – Judith Barker

**Ushers** – Kathy Riehle, Ruth & Al Brussel