

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
TWENTIETH-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 20, 2011

10:00 A.M.

9:45 a.m. ~ Hymn Sing

Prelude

Seth Hurd

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

We welcome you that no one may depart as a stranger.

Please sign the friendship pads as they are passed along the pew.

***We Greet One Another**

Gathering Song: *"Jesus Shall Reign"*

#231

1) Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does His successive journeys run; His kingdom spread from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more. 4) Let ev'ry creature rise and bring Their grateful honors to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud "Amen!"

Traditional Ringing of the Church Bell

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Introit

Call to Worship (*responsive*) (from Psalm 100) #709

Rev. Gordon Miller

***Hymn:** *"Now Thank We All Our God"*

#556

***Prayer of Praise:** (unison) God of power and love, you raised Jesus from death to life, resplendent in glory to rule over all creation. Free the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, and to live in his love. Unite all humankind in Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

#623

Family Moment

Lorraine Yeaton

Anthem

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 1:15 - 23

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:31 - 46

Sermon "Thanks for the Glory"

***Hymn:** *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* (vs. 1 & 4)

#234

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response:

#247

"Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me."

The Dedication of Life and Offering

Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn:** *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

#560

Commission and Benediction

Benediction Response: (*in back of hymnal*)

Postlude

Seth Hurd

**Those who are able, please stand*

CCLI#1740789

Chancel Flowers: donated by Drew and Belinda Klein-Robbenhaar

Lay Reader: Jeanne Bartlett

Ushers: Craig Bartlett, Jr. and Craig Bartlett, Sr.

Noah's Ark Nursery Room is available for your use during the Worship Service in the Crouch Wing.

Announcements

A Cordial Welcome to all visitors and guests worshipping with us today. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship which follows our service in the fellowship hall. It is hosted today by Betty, Mike, and Eleanor Peavey, and Sonny.

For your convenience, enlarged hymns and special ear-phones are available for those who need them. Just ask an usher.

Stewardship Campaign: Our pledging campaign will go through December 11th for the year 2012. To date, we have received 22 pledges totaling \$46,782. This is 70% of what is necessary to meet the \$66,960 goal (72% of our operating budget). We need just over \$20,000 more for our goal. Our ability to keep the church running and continue to support our mission depends heavily upon your pledges. Thank you to all those who have pledged to date. If you have not yet pledged, would you consider it? Please think what you can do to help support our church. Extra pledge cards are in the fellowship pads.

Circle of Hope is pleased to report an increase in numbers and lots of new ideas. We are still brainstorming to redefine our purpose in the church. There is still plenty of room for anyone interested. Come tomorrow morning at 9:30am to find out what we are doing and give your input.

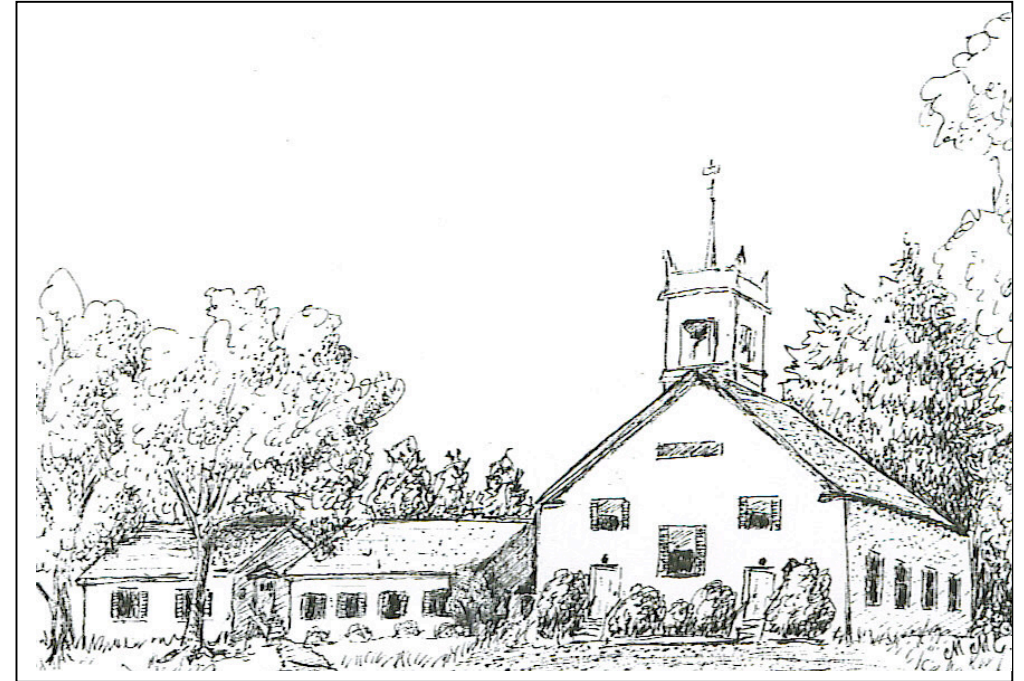
Thanksgiving Eve: There will be an informal Thanksgiving Eve gathering at 7:00pm, Wednesday, here at our church. You are invited to share a short devotional to give thanks for God's blessings. There will also be an opportunity to give praise and thanks for blessings during prayer time. We will sing favorite Thanksgiving hymns. All are welcome.

Prayer Meeting Thursday at noon. You are welcome to join us to pray for those in need and the concerns of the church, community and world. Bring your lunch for after as we fellowship together.

Finance Report

Received November 13 th	\$2134.00
Total to date	\$70,808.00
Needed each week \$1629.00 x 45 =	\$74,934.00
Deficit to date	(\$4,126.00)

York Association--Please pray for Wells Congregational Church (Rev. Herbert Henry).



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