

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The most important thing in giving is not the percentage or the amount,
but the reason or motive why we give.

*“Man looks at the outward appearance,
but the Lord looks at the heart” (1 Sam. 16:7)*

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 54

Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.

Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.

For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.

Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.

For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

SECOND READING

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?

You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

**WE REMEMBER BEFORE GOD ALL PEOPLE
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN
DISRUPTED BY VIOLENCE OR WAR.**

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR PEACE
AND FOR NEW BEGINNINGS.**

✕ As we pray, let us remember Larry & Leslie; Shelley & Eric; Jeff; Frank; Karen; Tommy; Cari & her family; Charlotte & Dwight; Janet; Kelsey; Nathan & family; Kay, Cristina, Kevin, JeNiene; Brody; Dan; Don; Shoney; HT; Robert; Lori; Keira.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 4 P.M.

Bring your furred, feathered, scaled friends
& join us in front of the Church on the patio

SHOE DRIVE FOR PERRYVILLE PRISON Perryville Women's Prison is running short of shoes to provide to releasees. Please consider donating any new or lightly used women's shoes during September (Diocesan Prison Awareness Month). Please note that the shoes must not have a heel higher than 1" and should be tied or rubber banded together to avoid separation. There is a bin in the Parish Hall. Thank you for your support of these women in need!

FAITH THROUGH THE ARTS HOSTS A WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION THIS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, AT 6 PM FOR THEIR NEWEST AND UNUSUAL EXHIBIT "3 DIMENSION ART" BY ARTIST ELOUISE JONES. This is an old art form that is being brought back into use. Ms Jones studied at Southwest Jr. College where her interest in art began. Her career in the aviation field led her to North American Aviation where she worked on the first NASA APOLLO (1). She retired from Hughes Air Craft as an F18 Author. So she should have some very interesting stories to share. As our ministry continues, as always, to be self supporting, we are hoping that when you see Steve Spoonamore at the beverage table, you might feel inclined to drop some change in the donations pot! As always, thank you, the congregation, for your generous support.

IF YOU NEED PRAYER FOR YOURSELF OR SOMEONE ELSE, a member of the Pastoral Care Ministry can be found in our Library during Communion at both services, for 10 minutes before & after the first service, and for 10 minutes after the second service.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Card signing between services (PH)	9 AM
	DOK meeting (CH 3)	9 AM
	Nursery care	9:30–11:15 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Youth Sunday / Music by Joel Joa	
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Tue.	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
Wed.	Holy Eucharist Rite II	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM
Fri.	Thrift Shop (CH7)	8 AM—12 Noon
Sat.	Thrift Shop (CH7)	8 AM—12 Noon
	FTTA Art Reception / Eloise Jones	6 PM
Sun.	Healing Litany / Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Nursery care	9:30–11:15 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	Healing Litany / Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
	Blessing of the Animals	4 PM

May the flowers on our altar this morning
bring to our hearts and prayers
all whose lives are affected by
Hurricane Florence and Typhoon Mangkhut.

FOOD PANTRY

pancake mix, syrup
5 lb bag sugar, pudding packs
shampoo and conditioner

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please
single packs Cheezits, single packs Goldfish
fruit snacks, travel sized cookies