

Early Service

Teaching | Responding | Communing

Samaritans in the Areopagus | Rev. Don Everts
Acts 11:27-30, 17:16-21

27 During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) 29 The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. 30 This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul. (Acts 11:27-30)

16 While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. 17 So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. 18 A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbling trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. 19 Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? 20 You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean." 21 (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.) (Acts 17:16-21)

Personal Reflection Question

When have you experienced the most joy in serving others? What are some ways First & Calvary could become more of a loving presence on the MSU campus?

Notes

Family Business

This Week

Wed. Oct. 26 -
Choir Room: Women's Chorus' First Practice. All women welcome.

Upcoming

- Sun. Oct. 30** – 11:00 am – North Atrium: Celebration of Martin Luther's posting of his 95 theses. Scan QR Code for contact info.
- Tue. Nov. 1** – Deadline to drop off photos of veterans for Veteran's Day Display. Contact Robin Jaques at 417-862-5068 with questions.
- Wed. Nov 2** - Choir Room: Women's Chorus' Second Practice. All women welcome.
- Sun. Nov. 6** – 12:00 noon - North Atrium: Veteran's Luncheon - Immediately after the Liturgical Service – Fellowship Hall: A celebration of US veterans and their families.
- Sun. Nov 6** - 11:00 am - Sanctuary: Women's Chorus Performance.
- Wed. Nov. 9** – MOPS Q&A on Child Development. Scan QR Code for MOPS details.
- Mon. Nov. 14** – Deadline to drop off Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes to South Atrium.
- Wed. Nov. 16** – MOPS Meal Prep Activity. Scan QR Code for MOPS details.
- Fri. Nov. 18** – Deadline to drop off Nativity Scenes for Library Display.
- Th. Nov. 24 & Fri. Nov. 25** - The church office will be closed so that the staff may enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Wed. Dec. 7** – MOPS Moms Christmas Party. Scan QR Code for MOPS details.
- Sat. Dec. 17 – 7:30 pm** - F&C Choral Concert: In the Footsteps of Pilgrims – An SCC Christmas

Gift Exchange Announcements

Below are recent additions to the Gift Exchange "Seeking Gifts" section. If you have not already filled out a balloon offering your gifts scan the QR code to fill out a balloon or call the church office at 417-862-5068 for assistance.

Balloon 45 - Baking Cookies for Christmas Candlelight Service | Call the church office to sign up.

Balloon 44 - Baking Cookies for Christmas Morning | Call the church office to sign up.



Leadership

- Rev. Don Everts | Senior Pastor
- Jamie Swope | Associate Minister of Discipleship
- Tyler Heckman | Director of Worship and Music
- Rev. Cooper McWhirter | Minister of Pastoral Care
- Jim Davidson | Advisory Director of Music/Principal Organist
- Brian Correll | Media Coordinator



Liturgical Service

Prelude | Dr. Jim Davidson

Adagio in A-Flat

C. Schweich

Call to Worship | Rev. Cooper McWhirter

Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

All: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Leader: Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

All: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Leader: Come now, all who thirst,

All: and drink the water of life.

Leader: Come now, all who hunger,

All: and be filled with good things.

Leader: Come now, all who seek,

All: and be warmed by the fire of love.

* Hymn 62

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; Music: Traditional

Welsh melody, harm. John Roberts, 1839

Confession of Sin

**All: Awesome and compassionate God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved you.**

You constantly call us, but we do not listen.

**You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.**

We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,

we repent in spirit and in truth,

admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness

through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Hymn 817

Hear Our Prayer

Words: Based on Psalm 143:1; Music: George Whelpton

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: I will sprinkle clean water upon you,
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses,
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

A new heart I will give you,

and a new spirit I will put within you;

and I will remove from your body the heart of stone

and give you a heart of flesh.

—Ezekiel 36:25-26

Leader: Christian, be at peace and know you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

Hymn 805

Glory Be to the Father

Words: Gloria Patri; Music: Henry Greatorex

Scripture

Acts 11:27-30; Acts 17:16-21

Text on Early Service Panel

Anthem | Camerata

Prayer of St. Francis

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (c. 1181); Music: Allen Pote; Jake Luellen, tenor

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord.

Where there is doubt, let there be faith.

Oh, Lord, make me and instrument of thy peace.

Where there’s despair, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, let there be light.

Where there is sadness, let there be joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console.

To be understood as to understand.

To be loved as to love.

Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Time for Children | Kiki Eldridge

As the children come: *Jesus Loves Me*

As the children depart: *Oh, How I Love Jesus*

Sermon | Rev. Don Everts

Our Kirk | Samaritans in the Areopagus

Prayers of the People

Leader: ...we pray to you, O God:

All: Hear our prayer.

Minute for Mission | Jaimie Trussell

Council of Churches

Offering | Chancel Choir

Lord, Help Me Be Your Servant

Words: Don Besig and Nancy Price; Music: Don Besig; Zach Reece, baritone

Lord, help me be Your servant.

Make me strong and help me seek Your truth.

When I am lost and searching for an answer,

Lord help me turn to You.

Lord, help me be Your servant.

Keep me safe and help me find my way.

When I am weak and trying to be faithful,

Lord, guide me through the day.

You are my Rock and my Salvation.

On You alone my faith will surely stand.

I face each day with joyful expectation

because my life is in Your hands.

Lord, help me be Your servant.

Give me hope and help me to believe.

As I go forth to share Your love and kindness,

Lord, do Your work through me.

You are my Rock.

On You my faith will stand.

I face each day with joyful expectation

because my life is in Your hands.

Lord, help me be Your servant.

Touch my life and make my spirit new.

I lift my song, my grateful heart rejoices

in thanks and praise to You.

* Hymn 809

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter

* Offering Prayer

* Hymn 568

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated v 1, 2, 3

Words: Frances R. Havergal, 1874; Music: Henri A. César Malan, 1827

* Benediction & Benediction Response

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Postlude

Mosso moderato in G

R. Zientarski

**Please stand if able*