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First Reformed Church of Lincoln Park
Thanksgiving Service
November 21, 2021

8 AM

Prelude

*Song of Worship & Praise – All Creatures of Our God and King

*Call to Worship Psalm 104:13-24 (NirV)

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Sermon Passage – Malachi 3:1-7; 4:5-6 (Pg. 1490 & 1491 in pew Bibles)

Message “*Minor Prophets and Thanksgivings*” Pastor Tim

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response *Let All Things Now Living*

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*Benediction

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*Stand if you are able

ANNOUNCEMENTS and EVENTS

Samaritan 's Purse – Operation Christmas Child: *Return your Shoebox TODAY!*

Grief Share – November 23rd at 7 PM with Pastor Joe Cusack at Hank & Linda Finelli's house 11 Alpine Drive, LP – please let Pastor Joe or the church office know if you plan to attend.

Church Decorating Christmas Pizza Party – TODAY at 3 PM!! Many hands needed. When we are done there will be pizza and singing of Christmas Carols.

Brass Factor Band Community Christmas Concert – Sunday, December 5th at 3 – pm here at the church. Wayne Odenbrett is part of this ensemble.

Gingerbread House Party – *Kids for Christ* will be sponsoring a Gingerbread House Contest on Sunday December 12th at 1 pm. Everyone is invited. Families and/or friends can sign up in groups of 4 and will decorate “gingerbread houses”. [Everything you need will be provided.] This is a *free event!!* There will be a “*hot chocolate bar*” (How can you resist that?!?!) Please sign up so we have enough of everything!! If you have any questions see Betsy Montejo or Courtney Anderson.

Sunday School Christmas Pageant – There will be one service in hopes that everyone will come and support our youth who have already been preparing for a great program. This will take place Sunday, December 19th at 10 am.

Christmas Eve Service – December 24th at 6:30 pm followed by cookies and “special” punch (made by Hannah McHugh). The Hospitality Committee will be taking care of the cookies.

Consistory News – It's that time of year again ~ Elder and Deacon Nominations. This will begin December 1st. Start thinking who you think might be a good nominee!

November Mission of the Month – JDT Rehab Center

The Jerry and Dolores Turco Medical Rehab Center (JDT) in Lincoln Park provides rehabilitation and nursing care. In the past a chapel was furnished for ministering to the residents, but it has not been maintained. JDT would like to reopen the chapel so they can hold

memorial services, and have church services; they're planning for Protestant services every other Sunday. Help is needed to obtain new Bibles, song sheets, chairs, and other items. Separately, they have seen an increase in residents at JDT - many of whom don't have families. The staff wants all of the residents to have presents this Christmas and would like to buy gifts such as T-shirts, slippers and sox.

To support the residents, and the caring staff's efforts, you can write checks to the church, and/or use the Missions envelopes, and note that your contribution is for the November Mission of the Month. Thank you.

<http://www.resortrehab.com/>

Bring a Coat – you probably have a coat or two that are in the back of the closet that you have not worn in a long time! There are many who are cold and in need of a nice warm coat. Please bring them to Church next Sunday. There is a rack set up in the Fellowship Hall ready to hang them. We will deliver them to those in need in the Paterson area.

PRAYERS

Petitions:

- *Healing:* Paul Cusack (recovering from back surgery); Antonio Stella; Zeke Kilbride – in Rehab can talk but can't do anything for himself yet (friend of Denise Dixon); Mark Donka (fell off a roof, broke arm); Sheri (a co-worker of Hannah McHugh) is very sick with Covid-19 and has been in and out of the hospital; Pastor Tim's grandmother in hospital; Carol Meyer (hospital)
- *Those having treatment for cancer:* Joan (friend of Diane Marsh); Emma Blanchard's Uncle Joe radiation; Vincent's dad chemo; Susan Amato chemo; Evan (lymphoma)
- Continued comfort for Frank Cappetta in this season of grief.
- Broken families – especially when children are involved

Praises

- Thanksgiving – families getting together again
- Judy & Nick Koldyk, Ron Ploger, Cliff Utter, Wayne Odenbrett – for getting the decorations out of the attic and putting up the two trees.

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WORSHIP TIMES

Services: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

7th Grade thru High School Sunday School 9:15 AM

K thru 5th Grade Sunday School 10:00 AM

We are committed to living and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with everyone, everywhere, every day... Welcome!