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"LIGHT FROM THE HILL"

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"Answered Prayer"

Psalms 145:18-20 18

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
19 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.
20 The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

The Psalms is a book of prayers and praise. Repeatedly we can turn to the Psalms and experience the prayers of God's people. It is a book filled with prayers by individuals as well as corporate prayer. Today, we concentrate on Psalms 145:18-20. Psalms 145 beautifully demonstrates the church as it prays and believes. It is an extended prayer of praise that has been used in the worship life of the people of God. This much beloved Psalms is found in both Jewish and Christian traditions. The theological emphasis of this Psalms is the greatness and graciousness of God.

Verse 18 recites the ability of God to be close to us while answering our prayers. Sometimes we don't feel as though God is close to us but we don't have to be overwhelmed with the feeling of God being near, God is near whether we feel it or not. God's closeness is magnified and expanded in Psalms 145.

We also see God wanting to fulfill the desire of our prayer in verse 19. God is not only concerned with answering prayers for our needs but answers some of the desires we may have. This does not mean that God is a cosmic Santa Clause that we can drop a list off and go about our way. The word "desire" in verse 19 identifies a relationship with God that God would fulfill some desires also.

Prayer is communication between God and his people. We, through the blood of Jesus Christ, have access to talk with God and receive from him his promises. We can be intimate through Christ. This Thanksgiving season let us seek God in prayer and praise. Let's take some time and dwell in the presence of a God who is available to answer our deepest need and promote our highest good.

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Join me in the Lord's Prayer……

Our Father which 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 the glory forever Amen.

During the month of November take the time to give thanks and praise during your times of prayer. Remember the Lord is near to you when you call on him to all who call on him in truth.

Your Brother Because of Jesus,
Angel

(Article written by Dr. Angel De La Cruz, our moderator)

Dear members and friends of the Presbyterian Church of Marion. You are encouraged to keep the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) in your frequent prayers. If you don't know what to be praying for, here is a prayer you can use that has been culled from several sources:



Most gracious and loving God, having accepted the invitation to work together to seek out and prayerfully discern the person who, even now, is being called to serve, lead, and journey with the Presbyterian Church of Marion, we ask you to come to the PNC's assistance.

As it is written in Psalm 139, "... you have searched us out and known us; you discern our thoughts from afar; you follow our journeys and are acquainted with all our ways ..." Be with them now, Father. As they continue in this search process, be present among them, and guide each step they take. Guide them in all their doings, Gracious God.

Build unity among them, guard them from distractions, and help them to welcome different viewpoints and perspectives as opportunities to hear, understand, and grow. Father, teach them to listen. But also, allow them some Holy rest when rest is needed.

Inspire not only their minds but also their hearts, allowing one to form the other, within each individual, and among all participants in this work. Open their hearts and minds to your presence, Lord Jesus.

Quicken the heart of the person begin called to serve as our next pastor. Remove any obstacles that might stand in the way of this call. Reveal the path and lead the way, as we all know you as The Way, The Truth, The Life.

Lord, may the PNC offer themselves as fertile ground through which your work may be done. And when their tasks are complete and the search is done, grant them quiet minds and confident hearts that, guided by your wisdom, they will have accomplished what you have asked them to do. And then let them rest, be still, and know that you are God.

Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

November 1, 2026
Denny Weaver
All Saints' Day Remembrance
The Lord's Supper will be served
as we come together to take part in

November 8, 2026
Pastor Doug Snyder

November 15, 2026
Rev. Katie Ward-Stear

November 22, 2026
Eric Longwell

November 29, 2026
Randy Stear



Active Member…



The Book of Order states, "An active member of a particular church is a person who has made a profession of faith in Christ, has been baptized, has been received into membership of the church, has voluntarily submitted to the government of this church, and participates in the church' s work and worship. Only active members are eligible to hold a church officer position or to vote in congregational meetings. An in-active member of a particular church is one who does not participate in the church's work and worship."

Our Presbyterian Church of Marion has determined that an active member is one who:

1) Takes part in the worship of the church and/or church-organized study of the Scriptures at least four times a year.
2) Supports the work of the church through the giving of time, talents or money.

Church Officers….



Is God calling you to step up and be a leader in our church?
The nominating committee will be meeting soon to begin the search for officers for the 2027. We will be looking for three elders, two deacons and an auditor. Each of these positions are three-year terms. If someone from the committee approaches you about serving, please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to take on a more active leadership role in our church.

We are the Church….and the Church needs You!



We need people with different talents and skills to do small but important tasks. You do not need to be an elder or deacon to help on the following committees.

R&S works to do the upkeep and maintenance both inside and outside.

The mission group selects, plans and organizes the various mission projects that the church supports throughout the year.

The outreach group plans fellowship events like the Ladies' tea and Fall Fest and needs people who like to coordinate gatherings.

The worship committee plans for Advent, Lent and regular services.

If you are interested in helping with either the physical work or planning programs and worship, please speak with an elder. We would be happy to have your assistance.

November 1st, All Saints' Day…

When someone passes, you might hear the phrase, "They have entered the Church Triumphant". You might also hear, "Well done good and faithful servant". All Saints' Day is a day to remember those who have moved on to the Church Triumphant and were servants and disciples that shared God's message and led, guided and helped us grow in our faith.



We invite you to join us on November 1st as we have a special time of remembrance in our service to recognize and remember those that have had a part in our faith journey. Give some thought, I'm sure we can all name more than one person that has had an impact on our life; it might be a grandparent, a Sunday school teacher, a pastor or a special friend or neighbor who took the time to share about Jesus. **Let's remember those saints and honor them together on November 1st.**

It's right around the corner, mark those calendars….

Daylight Savings Time ends…. Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Saturday night, **October 31st**. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!



Operation Christmas Child
A reminder that if you picked up a shoebox to fill, all boxes, along with $10 for shipping, are due **Sunday, November 8th**.

November Mission Outreach…
During the month of November the mission committee will be collecting non-perishable food items and paper products for the Rochester Mills Food Pantry.

Donations can be dropped off at the mission table in the Narthex.



Marion Center Light-up Night, Saturday November 14th

Want to watch the festivities?

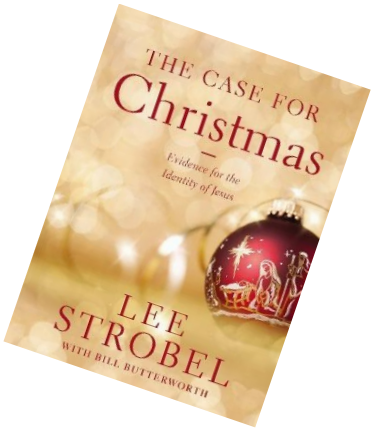
The parade begins at 7:00 p.m.

Be sure to watch for our church float with a live nativity on board.

Then join us at the park hall to light-up the town tree and enjoy some hot chocolate and cookies.



Advent Study….
We will be offering a DVD Advent Study that will begin on **Sunday, November 29th**. We will be meeting **in the sanctuary beginning at 9:30 a.m.** There is a study guide book that goes along with the study that we need to order before we begin. If you would like to join us for this study, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Listed below is information regarding our Advent study.



The Case for Christmas **by Lee Strobel**
Bestselling author Lee Strobel, investigates the story of Jesus' birth and provides compelling evidence as to why we can know the bible's accounts are true.

In this four-session study, Lee reveals what he discovered as he sought to separate the holiday from the holy day, the facts from the fantasy, and the truth from the tradition.

Lee invites you to look beyond the familiar traditions of the season, challenges you to examine the evidence for yourself and consider why Christmas really matters.

Community Advent Devotional…
Once again, the area churches are coming together to create an Advent devotional. If you would like to write a devotion for one of the scriptures our church has been given, please let Beth know or sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Each devotional should be 300 words or less and needs to be emailed to Beth at the church office by November 16th. Listed below are the scriptures to choose from:



Psalm 80:17-19
Isaiah 40:3-5
John 1:19-28
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 2:1-7

Decorating the Church for Christmas…
Following worship on **November 22nd**, we will be decorating the church and could use some help. We invite you to stay for a lite lunch and then join in the fun of preparing our church for the Advent season.

With many hands it will take little time, plus it really is a time of fellowship and fun.



Prayer Requests

Rest Home Folks: St. Andrew's – Elaine Edwards

Active Military Service: Louis Good

PNC Committee:
Calvin Farren, Lorrie Gallo, Natalie Gatskie,Chuck Glasser and Tonya Watkins

NOVEMBER ELDER OF THE MONTH
Carol Fry

NOVEMBER DEACON OF THE MONTH
Shawnee Armstrong

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Olivia Miller
8 Jim Sisitki
9 Barb Hood
Betty Zele
10 Noah Chichy
12 Chris Repine
15 Lane Mouser
18 Terry Zele
30 Hadlynn Brown



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11-4 Fred & Beth Turner - 37th
11-18 Joe & Amanda Kanouff - 20th
11-23 Joe & Debbie Hill - 19th



