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All Saints Day
Baptism of Reed James Stetka
9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, November 4, 2018

Announcements and Welcome

Hymn: For all the saints

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: *There is one hope in God's call to us;*

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: *One God and Father of all.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide

with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

A Reading from Revelation 21:1-6a

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: I sing a song of the saints of God

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The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 11:32-44

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

After the Gospel, the reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Loree Penner

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

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The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Presenters: We present Reed James Stetka to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Presenters: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witnesses help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Presenters: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Presenters: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Presenters: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Presenters: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Presenters: I do.

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Presenters: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Presenters: I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People: We will.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with this child who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for *this child* who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring him into the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Then the Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

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The Baptism

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The Peace

The Offertory: As I went down to the river to pray

Doxology

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The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

(Repeat)

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your

new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion of the People (St. Thomas' extends the invitation to all baptized members of any Christian Church to receive the consecrated bread and wine.)

Communion Hymn: One bread, one body

Post Communion Prayer

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: Lo he comes with clouds descending

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Dismissal:

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

~~~ CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5th~~~

**Monday, November 5th:** 7pm- NA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**Tuesday, November 6th:** 6:30pm -Yoga (Classroom 7)

**Wednesday, November 7th**

**Thursday, November 8th:** 7pm Johns Hopkins Parkinson's Support Group (Fellowship Hall),  
7:30pm- Music Practice

**Friday, November 9th:** 12-5pm -Student Support Network Fall Drive (Fellowship Hall), 7pm-  
AA Meeting (Classroom #7)

**Saturday, November 10th:** 9am-3pm -Student Support Network Fall Drive (Fellowship Hall),

**Sunday, November 11th:** 9:30am- Worship (Sanctuary), 10:30am -The Forum (Fellowship Hall)

\*Private events are not included on this calendar. Please contact the church office if you would like to reserve space.

## **Stewardship!**

### **We LOVE Stewardship Time, Right?**

This year, our stewardship season is focusing on what we are grateful for. There will be a Gratitude tree in the Narthex. For the first three weeks in November, you will find a 'leaf' in your bulletin. Each week you can write something different you are grateful for. Here are some suggestions for these weeks:

- Name something you are grateful for at St. Thomas'
- How has God blessed your life?
- What is there in your life of faith that gives you joy?

This year we ask if you would add to your pledge the cost of a Starbucks coffee or other treat – about 5.00 per week. For some that isn't possible. For others, maybe it's not enough. We trust you to be faithful and prayerful in your gift to St. Thomas. And thank you ahead of time!

On November 18, we will gather in pledge cards and have a pot-luck brunch. Please bring your favorite foods to share.

God is at work at St. Thomas'. Let's celebrate the good, and praise God with joy!

## ~~~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~~~

**Altar Guild:** For the month of November the Wafers are given in Thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren by John and Jeanne Windsor, the Branch Candles are given in memory of Roger Ramos by Nancy Yeatman, the Eucharistic Candles are given in memory of Virginia Williams by John Williams, and the Sanctuary Candle is given in memory of Dorothy Woodring by Nan Woodring. For the month of November wine is available as a dedication. The arrangements on the altar are in memory of Roger Ramos by Nancy Yeatman. The cost of each dedication is \$30. Please contact Diane Flayhart, [410-426-4618](tel:410-426-4618) or [dflayhart.stthomas@gmail.com](mailto:dflayhart.stthomas@gmail.com), or the church office, [410-821-5489](tel:410-821-5489), if you are interested in reserving a dedication. Thank you.

**Loose Change Counts! Accept the challenge!** Start the habit of donating your loose change with your weekly offering. Every bit counts!

**ACTC THANKSGIVING BAGS: It's that time of year when we share our abundance with those in need for Thanksgiving.** We will be joining with ACTC to provide meals to over 2,000 needy families in Baltimore County and City this Thanksgiving. Our church goal is to provide for 25 of these families. You can either shop and fill a bag or buy them pre-packed, at Giant Baltimore (Drumcastle), Timonium (Fairgrounds) or Towson (Loch Raven), or at Shoprite Timonium (Aylesbury). Please pick up a flyer in the Narthex listing foods for a Thanksgiving Bag for ACTC, or see the list included in this bulletin. For those that would like someone else to do the shopping for you or to purchase turkeys, please place your monetary donation in the designated can in the Narthex. Checks should be made payable to St. Thomas' Church.

**All donations must be at church by next Sunday, November 11th.** Questions? Contact Diane Flayhart, [410-426-4618](tel:410-426-4618), or [dflayhart.stthomas@gmail.com](mailto:dflayhart.stthomas@gmail.com). Thank you for your generous support for those in our community.

**Interested in joining a newly forming book club?** The first meeting will be held on November 5th at 7pm, and we will be discussing the book "Braving the Wilderness" by Brene Brown. All are welcome to attend, so please come and bring a friend!

**This year St. Thomas' Church will be holding a new, expanded Nearly New Event to take place Saturday, December 1, 2018 in the Fellowship Hall from 9am to 1pm.** We are collecting gently used items that can be sold to benefit St Thomas'. Dishes, glasses, pottery, collectibles, books, small tools, jewelry, small furniture or whatever you might have. (Please no clothes). Please bring these items to Church and place them in room 6 prior to the day of the event. Please mark for "Nearly New". Take a look around your house for items that you just do not need anymore and bring it in! Remember one man's junk is another man's treasure! If you are unsure of what items are accepted contact Laura Doles at 410-825-2663 (home number in the evenings) or email her at [ldoles.stthomas@gmail.com](mailto:ldoles.stthomas@gmail.com), or email Vicki White at [vickiwhite7777@gmail.com](mailto:vickiwhite7777@gmail.com). We also need volunteers to help with set up, cashiering, packaging purchases and clean up after the event. If you can help in anyway, please let Laura know. Many thanks!

**Prayers for Healing are requested for those who are ill or in any need:** Mo Otradovec, Dottie D., Jan Jr., David J., Jeri Adams, Robert Yoos, Andrew Bures, Bill D., Rick D., Pete, Leigh, Vera O., Wanda S., Dowell S., Bill F., Mary Lou P., Curtis Meador, Lou W., Amy S., Janet, Larry, Tammy J., Doug H., Donna, Joe Greenbeck Jr, and Peter C.

**And for those who are homebound:** Theresa Welsch, Mary Shorter, Nan Fitzgerald, Charles and Susan Harryman, Carrie Hemberger, Susan Herring, Ellen Monahan, Connie Waxter, and Dan Licht.

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