

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 111 (CEB)

Praise the LORD! I thank the LORD with all my heart in the company of those who do right, in the congregation. The works of the LORD are magnificent; they are treasured by all who desire them. God's deeds are majestic and glorious. God's righteousness stands forever. God is famous for his wondrous works. The LORD is full of mercy and compassion. God gives food to those who honor him. God remembers his covenant forever. God proclaimed his powerful deeds to his people and gave them what had belonged to other nations. God's handiwork is honesty and justice; all God's rules are trustworthy—they are established always and forever: they are fulfilled with truth and right doing. God sent redemption for his people; God commanded that his covenant last forever. Holy and awesome is God's name! Fear of the LORD is where wisdom begins; sure knowledge is for all who keep God's laws. God's praise lasts forever!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, hear our prayer. You send prophets and saviors to help us, to save us, to raise us, and our response is to question You. You heal someone's beloved, and we ask, "Why not this one too?" You shower food upon some who hunger, and we complain that our stomachs are growling. Forgive us. Forgive us not for our doubts, but for our limited perspective. Open wide before us the vista of your grace, and the expanse of your love, and the wonder of your healing power. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:21-28(CEB)

Jesus and his followers went into Capernaum. Immediately on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and started teaching. The people were amazed by his teaching, for he was teaching them with authority, not like the legal experts. Suddenly, there in the synagogue, a person with an evil spirit screamed, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are. You are the holy one from God."

"Silence!" Jesus said, speaking harshly to the demon. "Come out of him!" The unclean spirit shook him and screamed, then it came out.

Everyone was shaken and questioned among themselves, "What's this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands unclean spirits and they obey him!" Right away the news about him spread throughout the entire region of Galilee.

A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

MESSAGE

**“Learning and Teaching”
Rev. Terry McDorman**

HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

(UMH # 451)

INVITATION TO SHARE

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

(UMH # 94)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

God of justice, mercy, and compassion; we bring our tithes and offerings to your altar and pray they will be used to make your amazing love known to all. Then, most often we leave and return to our weekday lives, expecting someone else to make that happen. Remind us that your prophets, your leaders, your missionaries, were called and raised up from “among the people.” Help us open our lives and our minds to the possibility that we might be the ones you would call and send. We pray this in the name of Christ, our teacher and our redeemer. Amen.

A MUSICAL REFLECTION

CLOSING PRAYER (unison)

When we feel soiled by our own selfishness, we are brought close by Jesus, who gathers us still, who turns to listen to our voices, who reaches out to touch us with hands he is not afraid to get dirty, to embrace us; who, in moments of accepting us for who we are shows us that we are forgiven and worthy of love and respect. Thanks be to God.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

(UMH # 127)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

All are invited to sit and reflect during the Postlude

**Please rise as you are able*

Special thankyou's to all those that assisted with worship today.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 42

ATTENDANCE GOAL: 70

Be certain to check the church website, <https://maconilumc.net/> for updated information about the church, events and news. Please use webmaster.maconumc@gmail.com to submit updates or additions to the church website.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE--February 14 at 6pm in the sanctuary

LENTEN STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Sunday School: (Sunday mornings at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall) will be exploring "Jesus and the Outsiders and Outcasts" by Adam Hamilton. Starts February 18, 2024.

PASTRY WITH THE PASTOR

Held on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-10:30 starting February 20, 2024, and concluding on March 26, 2024. This group will explore "Seven Words, Listening to Christ from the Cross" by Susan Robb

CELEBRATION 165 SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

Be certain to mark your calendars and spread the word, as it will be a special day indeed. Worship will be led by Bishop Frank Beard. It is also Palm Sunday and there will be a wonderful celebration meal and fellowship immediately following worship. Please plan on attending and bringing anyone you know that has been a part of this church through the years.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please contact Brad Roush to volunteer to help with the 165th anniversary celebration. We need all hands-on deck to make it a rousing success.

OLD NECKTIES NEEDED

Thank you to those that have donated, and we still need more. As you clean out your closets etc., please gather up those hardly ever used neckties and bring them to church where they will be used in a mission project. Give them to Henry Moyer or just place on the pastor's desk.

“GRIEF SHARE” WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 6:00PM

Loss, grief and all the collective emotions can be overwhelming for anyone. Whether your loss is recent or not, coping can be very difficult. This program is designed to help you. A new group is starting up at First Christian Church in Moweaqua. If there are any questions, please see Pastor Terry.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRESENCE AND SERVICE

Sun. Jan 28 2:00 pm Cutler's 50th Anniversary Celebration, Community Center
Sun Feb 04 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. Feb 04 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service
Sun Feb 11 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. Feb 11 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service
Wed. Feb 14 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service in Sanctuary
Sun Feb 18 7:00 am UMM Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
Sun Feb 18 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. Feb 18 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MISSIONS



Items requested by the food pantry are: Any kind of soup, any kind of cereal and/or oatmeal, canned fruit, macaroni and cheese; toilet paper and shampoo. Cash donations are always welcome.

CHURCH BENCH

We are still in need of **FIVE POUNDS** of plastic caps to purchase a bench for outside the church. This will be made of recycled plastic. Please donate caps whenever possible.