

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please visit our church website at [www.sycamorechurch.org](http://www.sycamorechurch.org) for more information on our ministries, special events, and Bible Studies. You are also welcome to visit our Café located across from the Sanctuary to explore the many opportunities available at SPC, and feel free to use the contact information listed.

### ADULT MINISTRIES

**Dr. Timothy McQuade** ([tmcquade@sycamorechurch.org](mailto:tmcquade@sycamorechurch.org))

**WOMEN'S RETREAT** - Saturday, November 4, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**FALL BIBLE STUDIES** - detailed information available in the Café, weekly BLAST, online at [www.sycamorechurch.org](http://www.sycamorechurch.org), or in the Spiritual Growth Resource Center.

**Contact:** Wendy Grethel ([wgrethel@sycamorechurch.org](mailto:wgrethel@sycamorechurch.org)).

### FAMILY MINISTRIES

**Rebecca Behbehani** ([rbehbehani@sycamorechurch.org](mailto:rbehbehani@sycamorechurch.org))

**FAMILY SERVICE DAY at Matthew 25 Ministries** - October 28, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Recent natural disasters have increased the need for volunteers at M25M. Bring the whole family to live out our call to care for our neighbors in need. Meet at Matthew 25.

**TRUNK or Treat (Halloween Tailgating) October 29**, 12:00 noon, SPC parking lot. Invite your friends and neighbors, decorate your car trunks, and hand out treats for kids. **Kids:** don't forget to wear your costumes. Lunch will be provided. We encourage SPC Groups to host a car trunk to promote their group!

### Children's Ministries (Infant through Grade 5)

**Jan Ferris** ([jferris@sycamorechurch.org](mailto:jferris@sycamorechurch.org))

**NOTE:** children (PS-K) attending *Structured Childcare* in Room 116 following the Children's Message at 10:00 a.m., must have a **nametag** \*located in friendship pads. Please adhere tag to the front of your child's clothing. Include first name, last name, and grade. *Thank you!*

**CALLING ALL VETERANS:** We are holding a special Veteran's program for our kids (grades Preschool - 5) on October 29 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 223. We would love to have you present just to sit with the kids while they do some special projects. Please join us!

**1 Kings 19 Elijah waited to hear from God.** He thought it might be through a windstorm or fire from an earthquake, but God ended up speaking to Elijah in a whisper. Do you hear the whisper to serve by working with children (Preschool - Kindergarten) the 4th Sunday of each month after the Children's Message? If so, sign up on the clipboard hanging on the wall in the Family Room, or talk to Jan Ferris, DCM.

### MARK THE DATE:

♦ **OCTOBER 22 – Save the date!** Parents and Grade 5 children *Take Faith Workshop*, "Money and Me," will be in the Chapel promptly at 9:00 a.m. Light Breakfast served at 8:45 a.m. **Have other children?** They can attend Sunday School (or our nursery) while you spend one-on-one time with your 5<sup>th</sup> grader. Details were emailed this week; **RSVP's are required**, so we know how many supplies to order.

♦ **OCTOBER 29 - SPECIAL VETERAN SUNDAY for kids** (Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) to talk with veterans from our church, make a care package for someone from SPC serving in the military, as well as make cards for distribution at the next "Honor Flight." Children are encouraged to save their Christ Cash to buy items for the care package.

### Student Ministries (Grades 6 through 12)

**Drew Hood** ([dhood@sycamorechurch.org](mailto:dhood@sycamorechurch.org))

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (grades 6-12) meets in The Loft beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**WORSHIP SERVICE** - Please worship with your family or friends, OR volunteer with kids (Nursery-Kindergarten).

**MIDDLE SCHOOL (QUEST)** - upcoming events: October 22 - Iron's Fruit Farm Corn Maze.

**HIGH SCHOOL** – Walk (guys) OR BABES (ladies) Bible Study, Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.; upcoming events: **TODAY**, October 15, - Goose Chase Scavenger Hunt; November 10-12 - Fall Retreat.

## CURRENT CHURCH EVENTS

**MATTHEW 25 PILL BOTTLE CONTAINER** - the red container is in front of the Media Center for your convenience today and next Sunday. Please drop off your pill bottles and Rx containers anytime before Monday, October 23. Thank you.

**PIANO TRIO RECITAL** - TODAY 15 at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary featuring Sujin Kim (piano), Dr. Siryung Park (violin), and Colin Lambert (cello). Everyone is invited!

**HARMONY CIRCLE** will meet Tuesday, October 17, in room 120 to discuss Chapter 2 of *A Single Minded Worship*. If you are interested in an evening group for women, please join us! **Contacts:** Mitzi Green at [eggleg4@gmail.com](mailto:eggleg4@gmail.com), or Betty Kratz at [bkratz@fuse.net](mailto:bkratz@fuse.net).

**GRIEF SHARE** - **Wednesday, October 18**, //10:00am-Noon//Media Center. This week's video topic: *Grief and Your Relationships*. **Contact:** Susie Shaw (520-7429 or [jsa\\_shaw@yahoo.com](mailto:jsa_shaw@yahoo.com)).

**R.O.M.E.O. LUNCHEON** - Thursday, October 19, O'Charley's on Fields Ertel, 12:15 p.m. Please sign up in the Cafe, so we know how many seats to reserve. **Contact:** Rick Rogers ([Richard\\_L\\_Rogers@yahoo.com](mailto:Richard_L_Rogers@yahoo.com) or 513-713-7140).

**COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 22** This year's campaign theme is "Keeping it Simple." Please return your pledges by 10/22! For your convenience, you may pledge online.

**VETERANS GROUP - UPCOMING LUNCHEON** - The Deacons are sponsoring a luncheon with U.S. Army Major Ed Burke and Sgt. Bob Abrams on Sunday, October 29, after the worship service (11:30 a.m.) in the Chapel. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear these amazing men speak. **RSVP** to Jeff Carr at 513-703-5958 or [jwcarr@cinci.rr.com](mailto:jwcarr@cinci.rr.com) no later than 10/22.

**TIM MCQUADE TO PRESENT DEVOTIONAL AT MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL BIBLE STUDY** - October 30//6:30 p.m.//SPC Underground. This fellowship/spiritual growth event will include viewing the Monday Night Football Game (Denver Broncos vs. Kansas City Chiefs). Snacks and beverages will be provided; \$5.00 Per person charge. Sign up in the Café. **Contact:** Rick Rogers ([Richard\\_L\\_Rogers@yahoo.com](mailto:Richard_L_Rogers@yahoo.com) or 513-713-7140).

**IHN (WARREN COUNTY) CHANGE COLLECTION** - November is National Homeless Month, and the SPC IHN team will be collecting loose change on Sunday, November 5. So, remember: *Your Change Can Change Lives*. Bring your loose change, dollars, or checks to support their efforts on 11/5.

**NEXT IHN WEEK** begins November 12. Signups start next Sunday in the Café. Please consider how you might help the homeless families we are blessed to serve.

## SERMON FOR OCTOBER 22, 2017

Lord of the Impossible  
7) "Savior of the Savior"  
Larry Kent

# Welcome to Worship!

10:00 a.m.

October 15, 2017



*Called to be an inviting community where  
God is glorified, lives are lifted,  
and Christ's spirit of fellowship awaits.*

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DR. LAWRENCE W. KENT ♦ DR. TIMOTHY MCQUADE

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning.

## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

October 15, 2017

10:00 a.m.

\*Indicates those able please stand.  
As a courtesy to others in worship, please turn off all cell phones.

### ~ WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME ~

#### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Larry Kent

**\*\*Please help create space to welcome fellow Christians in being seated.**

**\*\*Please sign the Friendship Pad, and pass it to those in your pew.**

#### PRELUDE

"O Worship The King"  
Sujin Kim, piano

Milholland

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Tim McQuade

Leader: Blessed are those who follow God's way.

**People: They are like a tree planted by streams of water.**

Leader: It does not fear when heat comes.

**People: It is not anxious in times of drought.**

Leader: Like such a tree, we trust in God.

**People: We know that God always watches over us.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God,

**All: Who is with us in all the rainy and dry seasons of life.**

#### \*HYMN 108

"Christ Is Alive!"

#### \*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We would be honest with You, O Lord. We are tired, frustrated, nagged by guilt, and unable to change our own lives. So we come to You for strength. Without You, we can do nothing. Without You, we are helpless before our own harmful habits. Now we call on You for the strength You have promised. Heal us where we hurt. Mold us where our lives have been shattered. Fill us where we feel drained of energy. Restore us to the purpose and power Your love always brings. Through Christ our loving Lord. Amen.**

(Moment for Personal Confession)

#### \*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: For the Lord is good, and His love endures forever. God's faithfulness continues through all generations. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.**

#### \*RESPONSE 2152

"Change My Heart, O God"

Sing the Faith

### ~ WE LISTEN TO THE WORD ~

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Samuel 16: 1-13

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rebecca Behbehani

**\*\*Remember name tags (in Friendship Pads) for children attending structured childcare.**

#### ANTHEM

"Lord, Tune Our Hearts"

J. Martin

Chancel Choir; Sujin Kim, Director

#### SERMON

"Lord of the Impossible"

6) Someone After God's Heart

Larry Kent

### ~ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ~

#### \*SINGING

"You Are My All in All"

Jernigan

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle's Creed)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Personnel - Lisa Wade

Technology Support - Jack Taylor

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### OFFERTORY

"Jesus Loves Even Me"

Hayes

Sujin Kim, piano

### ~ THE SENDING ~

#### \*HYMN 387

"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

Presbyterian Hymnal

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*POSTLUDE

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

Sicilian Melody

Sujin Kim, organ

**\*\* (If you brought a prayer need with you today, you are invited to remain in your seat following the service, and a member of our prayer support team will come to you. Our prayer partners this day are Todd Tegtmeier and Susan Scholz.)**

## SERMON APPLICATION

- ◆ Can you think of someone who has lived a life surely after God's heart? What in their witness is most compelling to you?
- ◆ Think of the call to focus not on the size of your foe but on the size of your God. How are you praying in the midst of this time of present challenge?
- ◆ What parts of David's great confession (Psalm 51) speak to the reality you are grappling with in your life?

## WELCOME FRIENDS!

**SPECIAL ASSISTANCE** - Large print editions of *The Presbyterian Hymnal* are available at the back of the Sanctuary. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**ASSISTIVE LISTENING** - Our sanctuary is equipped with TeleCoil assistive listening loops. Simply turn on your T-Coil equipped hearing aid to connect. In addition, battery operated receivers and ear devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.



**GUEST INFORMATION** is available at the Welcome Center in the Café. For additional information, call the church office at 683-0254 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYER:** Prayer Request Cards are available in the pews; complete and place them in the offering plate; or, email [jstevens@sycamorechurch.org](mailto:jstevens@sycamorechurch.org)

**DEDICATED EDUCATION HOUR** is at 9:00 a.m. EVERYONE, infant through adult, is encouraged and welcome to participate.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES** - We offer childcare in the nursery for infants and toddlers through 2 years of age beginning at 9:45 a.m. Each Sunday we offer a children's message during the service followed by *Structured Childcare* in Rm. 116 for children in PS-K. Faithful adult leaders lead the children to Room 116, and parents pick them up immediately following worship.

**STUDENT MINISTRIES - (6th - 12th grades)** - Student Ministries welcomes students to participate in our activities. Calendars are available on the Family Ministries clipboards in the Family Room.

**ADULT MINISTRIES** - Please check the Adult Ministry display in the Café for class times/locations and other programs, or simply sign up for more information.

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES** - Our next class is scheduled for **December 2, 2017**. For more information or to sign up, call the church office (683-0254) or visit us online at [www.sycamorechurch.org](http://www.sycamorechurch.org).

**THE FLOWER CHART** is located in the Café with detailed instructions on how to order. The cost of Sanctuary flowers is \$50, which is due Tuesday prior to the requested date.

**THE DEACONS OF THE MONTH** for October are Jim Lawton (513-336-6333) and Dianna Jimenez (513-617-6549).