

Troy Church of Christ

Sunday Worship

Bible classes:

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Worship Service:

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Wednesday Bible

Study

6:30 p.m. - at the
building.

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In essential beliefs — we have unity.

"There is one body and one Spirit--just as you were called to one hope when you were called--one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

Ephesians 4:4-6 (NIV)

In non-essential beliefs — we have liberty.

"Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters. Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls...So then each of us will give an account of himself to God...So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God."

Romans 14:1, 4, 12, 22 (NIV)

In all our beliefs — we show charity.

"If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing."

1st Corinthians 13:2 (NIV)



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November 20th, 2016

Thanksgiving

Throughout the Bible, we see **thanksgiving** for blessings as a theme. The Old Testament resounds with the people praising God; Israel had a history of giving thanks to God for the mercy and deliverance he showed them. In the New Testament we read, Jesus "Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven he gave thanks and broke them" ([Luke 9:16](#)). At the Last Supper Jesus took bread and gave thanks, and offered it to His followers ([1 Cor. 11:24](#)). Jesus always prayed before meals.

With the holiday approaching, let's consider some thoughts for thanksgiving.

- **Motive.** When we give thanks to God, our sole motive should be *pure gratitude*. Thanksgiving is giving thanks and that alone. Of all our types of prayers, a thanksgiving prayer is the least likely to be polluted or corrupted with selfish thoughts or a subconscious appeal to manipulate God. It is about God's blessings toward us and our appreciation of those blessings.
- **Knowledgeable.** Being grateful requires us to look back into the past, whether times recent or years past, and acknowledging blessings for which we are thankful. Our culture is infatuated with the future and the result is that thanksgiving is sometimes neglected. But to give thanks to God is to look backwards, not forwards, and to express gratitude for the good things that have come our way.
- **Comprehensive.** On the U.S. holiday, we thank God for the meal. Sometimes we include more in our prayers. We should, because we are so blessed. God is to be thanked for our family, friends, housing, jobs, and possibly hundreds of other minor things. Giving God thanks should be a theme running through our lives in times good and bad. The Pilgrims lived close enough to the soil to know how dependent they were on God's providence. In bitter winters with scarce food, they learned to thank God for all they had. And they were eager to thank Him during times of abundant blessing, too.

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, ponder and consider the many blessings you enjoy. Be grateful for these wonderful benefits and thank God for them.

Steven Tramell - Mountain View Church of Christ GA



Prayers & Thanksgiving

► **Sal** (Duane's uncle) – Passed away this week. Prayers for the family and for Duane's safe travels to the funeral in NJ.

► **Gail** (Diane's sister) – Passed away in September.

► **Diane** (her sister's friend) – Passed away.

► **Jim and Hannah** – Prayers for safe travels as they return home.

► **Ann Terry** – Prayers for her health.

Ann Scheilding – Ann has not been feeling well lately. She remains at the Van Rensselaer Manor, in room 110.

Hannah Baldwin – Having a difficult time and needing our prayers.

Diane Quillinan – Fell and broke her hip, requiring surgery.

Kykliak family – Praying for the family to reunite with their daughters.

Vasyl Kykliak – Prayers and sympathy for him and his family as his father recently passed away.

Shavers (Eleanor) – Prayers for her health, as she is not doing well and for their travels and her move to NC.

Tia's father – Is back at the Teresian House and doing better.

John Hayes (Grandfather) – Recently had stint.

Markovitch family – We continue our prayers for them as they adjust to their new life in Brazil with school and work.

Mary Jean Chandler – Prayers for her family.

Nina (Ellie's mother-in-law) – In poor health and suffering from diabetes.

LuVilla (Dennis's mother) – Has had congestive heart failure and having back pain. She is 93 yrs. old, residing at a nursing home in WI.

Cleta Jackson (Mother of Lia's friend) – Had a stroke.

Mark Driscoll (Baldwin's neighbor) – His cancer has returned.

Shawn Simmons – Suffering from blood clots.

Erin (family friend) – Fell and hurt head and broke knee.

Kim & Eric (Dennis's daughter & son-in-law) – Moved to CA where he will be working with the church there.

Scott (friend of Duane's in NJ) – Doing well after cancer surgery.

Sandy Dunham (Erin's Friend) Is in ICU.

Kim Rattigan – Cancer

Oswego Church of Christ – In need of minister.

Latremore family (Dawn's co-worker) – Tumor on lung.



WELCOME

To Our VISITORS

We are so happy to have you with us and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon!

November Birthdays

8th – Gail Apfel

Ann Terry

22nd – Vasyl Kykliak

November 20th – Thanksgiving Baskets

Due today.

November 21st – Men's Study

The men will meet for study, at 6:30pm, at the church building.

December 6th – Mid Week Services

Mid week services will be changed from Wednesday to Tuesday, beginning on December 6th. We will meet as normal in November.

Serving in the Worship Assembly

Sermon – Peter Archibald

Song Leading – Adam Lougee

Opening Prayer – Dan Farrington

Announcements – Dan Farrington

Scripture Reading – Wayne Perreault

Communion – Mike Quillinan

Offering – Duane Cefalu

Closing Prayer – Adam Lougee

Adult Class - Dennis Hofchild

Children Bible Time – Bob Shaver

Psalm 100:4

Enter His gates with thanksgiving And His courts with praise.

Give thanks to Him, bless His name.