

Order of Worship

September 22nd, 2024
18th Sunday After Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

Gathering To Worship

Prelude Phillip Streetman

Tolling of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements Debbie-Joy Agee,
Lay Leader

*Greeting

For God so loved the world;

**The sparrows, the mountain lions,
the fish and the people.**

For God so loved the world;

**In success and failure, in sickness and health,
in mediocrity and extraordinary.**

For God so loved the world;

**Enough to become one of us,
enough to suffer along with us,
enough to offer new life for us.**

For God so loved the world;

Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

I Want To Walk As
A Child of the Light
No. 206

.... whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Prayer For The Day

Claimed by Christ and filled with God's grace and hope, let us offer our prayers for the world, the church, and for all people according to their needs.

God of justice, call the world's leaders to act compassionately for peace in these strife-filled times.

God of love,

Hear our prayer.

God of wisdom, help the agencies of the church to continue improving our ministry to those who are struggling with hunger, unemployment, long-term health needs, and relational difficulties.

God of love,

Hear our prayer.

God of creation, guide your people to discover ways to care for the earth with childlike fascination and to be good stewards of the things that have been entrusted to our care.

God of love,

Hear our prayer.

God of comfort and care, make your healing presence known to those who are hospitalized or sick (*especially*), that by your Holy Spirit they would experience a sense of healing and wholeness.

God of love,

Hear our prayer.

God of the ages, we remember with thanksgiving the lives of all the faithful who have gone before us. Grant us endurance to walk by faith so that we, too, may join our voices with theirs in resonant thanksgiving.

God of love,

Hear our prayer.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: hear these petitions of your faithful people as we present them before you; and by your grace, grant us those things you see that we need; for the sake of our sovereign redeemer, Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Act of Praise

"Yes, My Jesus Loves Me"

Arr. Mary McDonald

Performed By: Woodlawn Chancel Choir

*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Gospel Lesson - John 3:1-15

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Theme Song "Jesus, Name Above All Names"
TFWS No. 2071

Sermon The Way, The Truth The Life: *Rev. Bernard S. Mason*
"Nicodemus"

Response to the Word

Affirmation of Faith **No. 881**

Going Forth in Thankfulness

***Closing Hymn** Freely, Freely
No. 389

*Benediction and Sending Forth

**"Life Is Short And We Do Not Have Much Time To Gladden The
Hearts Of Those Who Travel With Us So Be Swift To Love Make Haste
To Be Kind And Go In Peace To Love And Serve The Lord"**
- Henri Frederic Amiel

Postlude Phillip Streetman

***=Stand if you are able**

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FORWARD WITH CHRIST



Sunday, September 22nd
10:30am - Choir Practice
11:00am - Worship Service
Monday, September 23rd
6:30am - 6:00pm - Preschool
8:00am - 5:30pm - Office
Tuesday, September 24th
6:30am - 6:00pm - Preschool
8:00am - 5:30pm - Office
Wednesday, September 25th
6:30am - 6:00pm - Preschool
8:00am - 5:30pm - Office
12:00pm -
Midweek Prayer & Reflection
Thursday, September 26th
6:30am - 6:00pm - Preschool
8:00am - 5:30pm - Office
**6pm - Finance/Administrative
Council Meeting**
Friday, September 27th
6:30am - 6:00pm - Preschool
8:00am - 5:30pm - Office

Preschool enrollment : 110	
Offering 09/15:	\$ 2,198.00
September Giving:	\$ 8,082.00
Needed Monthly:	\$ 12,621.00
Total Needed:	\$ 4,539.00
Attendance:	
Worship (Sanctuary):	24
Online Worship:	29
Total:	53

Fall Bible Study:

*"The Way,
The Truth, The Life"*

Unlock the hidden depths of John's Gospel.

John's Gospel offers readers a new language—of being born anew, of living water, of wind and spirit, of the "I am"—that enhances how we understand the divine, how we experience the world, and how we participate in the mystery of faith.

This series considers the Gospel of John in its entirety, moving through the Gospel and exploring the prologue, the wedding at Cana, the Samaritan woman at the well and the woman caught in adultery, the healing of the man at the pool and the man born blind, foot washing, Mary Magdalene and Doubting Thomas, and the Lamb of God.

Bible Study Will Take Place Each Sunday @ 9:45am
In Wilder Chapel With Service To Follow At 11:00am
In Our Woodlawn Sanctuary

Sunday, September 15th - John 2: 1-11
Wedding at Cana

Sunday, September 22nd - John 3:1-15
Nicodemus

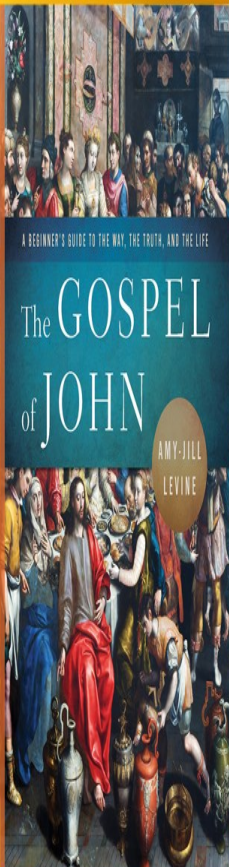
Sunday, September 29th - John 5:1-14
Healing of Man at the Pool

World Communion Sunday,
October 6th - John 9:1-14
The Man Born Blind

Sunday, October 13th - John 13:1-20
Foot Washing

Sunday, October 20th - Laity Sunday

Sunday, October 27th - John 20:1-18
Mary Magdalene & Doubting Thomas

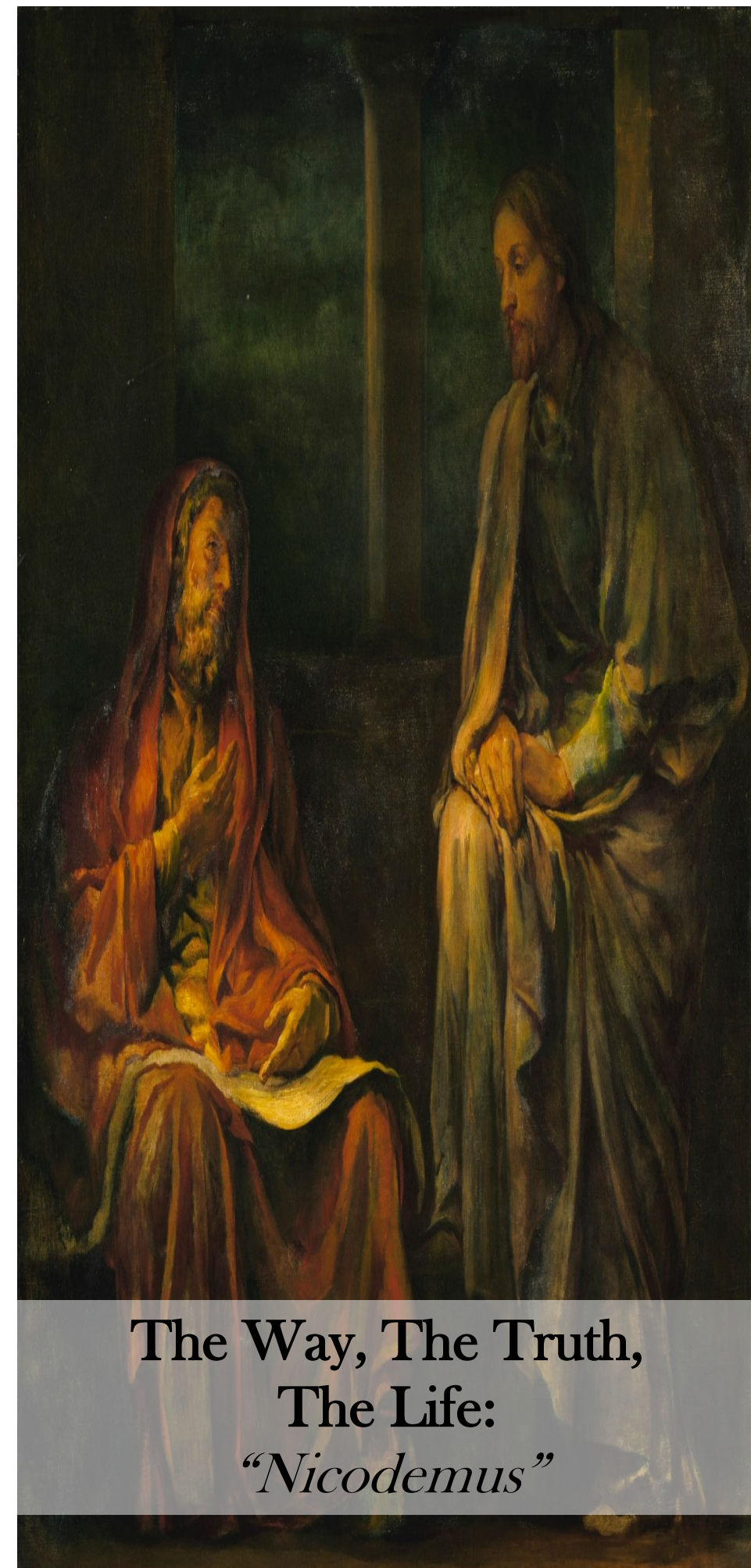


**Charge Conference
will be Sunday,
September 29th @ 2pm.**

*All Leaders Please
Be Present!!*



We are in need of Volunteers at our Food Pantry
@ Christ Episcopal Church, 1904 Greene St.,
which will take place on the
Third Thursday of each month at 9:30am.
We hope you will join us in helping to
serve our community and to help those in need.
May God Bless You Always!!



**The Way, The Truth,
The Life:
"Nicodemus"**