

Countryside Community Church WORSHIP



"Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

November 17, 2024

† Indicates those places where those who are able are invited to stand.
Text in **bold** indicates places where the congregation is invited to join in response.

Gathering

COMMUNITY TIME (9:55)

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

PRELUDE

So What

Miles Davis

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

Praying

It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch
a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway
into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak
-Mary Oliver

†GATHERING SONG

Hymn #65 (vs. 1, 3) *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

†PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

One: The Peace of God be With You

Many: And also with you.

†RESPONSE IN MUSIC

All Are Welcome vs. 3

CHILDREN'S MOMENT & DISCOVERY KIDS *Clothe Yourself in Compassion*

Children are invited to come forward for a lesson at the chancel, and then head to Discovery Kids classes. Nursery is available for children 0-4 years.

FIRST LESSON: Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25

Reader: Rita Otis

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet. "For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

"This is the covenant that I will make with them

after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,

and I will write them on their minds,"

and he adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

MUSICAL REFLECTION*Not the End*

Malcolm Gordon

SECOND LESSON: Mark 13:1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

MESSAGE*Stay Focused*

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

Responding to the Word

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

It Is Well with My Soul

arr. Craig Courtney

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

The Social Justice and Outreach Board has designated Omaha ForUs: Trans Stitchin' as the recipient of the November Box donations.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Dan Kuyper

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Holy One, who is both the giver and the gift, we return now to you what little we have to offer. Receive with joy, the gifts of our hands and our hearts, and return to us in full the gifts of your grace and peace. Multiply our faith, and double our faithfulness as we turn to a world in need of your fierce love and abundant hope. Amen.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

Invitation to the Table

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to the God of love.

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

Words of Remembrance

As you are able, please come forward to receive the bread and cup. If you prefer to take communion in your seat, raise your hand and a server will bring the elements to you. At Countryside, we serve gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice to support a diversity of needs. Communion cups may be discarded in the basket as you leave the sanctuary.

Communion Music

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

We give thanks, gracious God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

†SENDING HYMN

Hymn #65 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

POSTLUDE

Seven Steps to Heaven

Miles Davis

C4 Choir: Adam Witte, director - Tyler Gruttemeyer, vocals - Matt Wallace, sax
Alex Ritter, organ and piano - Carlos Figueroa, drums - Steve Gomez, bass

Joys & Concerns

Join us as we pray for our congregation members and their loved ones who are on our Joys and Concerns list every week on Thursdays at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary. If you have someone who would benefit from prayer, want to share a joy or be included on the bulletin list and /or on Countryside's Prayer Chain, contact Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones at 402-391-0350, ext. 225 or sarahrj@countrysideucc.org

Please join in praying for the following new and ongoing concerns:

Nancy Deetz had a heart attack last week and is in Bergan Mercy hospital. Please keep her in prayer as she recovers.

Please continue to keep **Mark & Roxanne Draper** in your prayers as Roxanne recovers from knee surgery and Mark prepares for rotator cuff repair surgery.

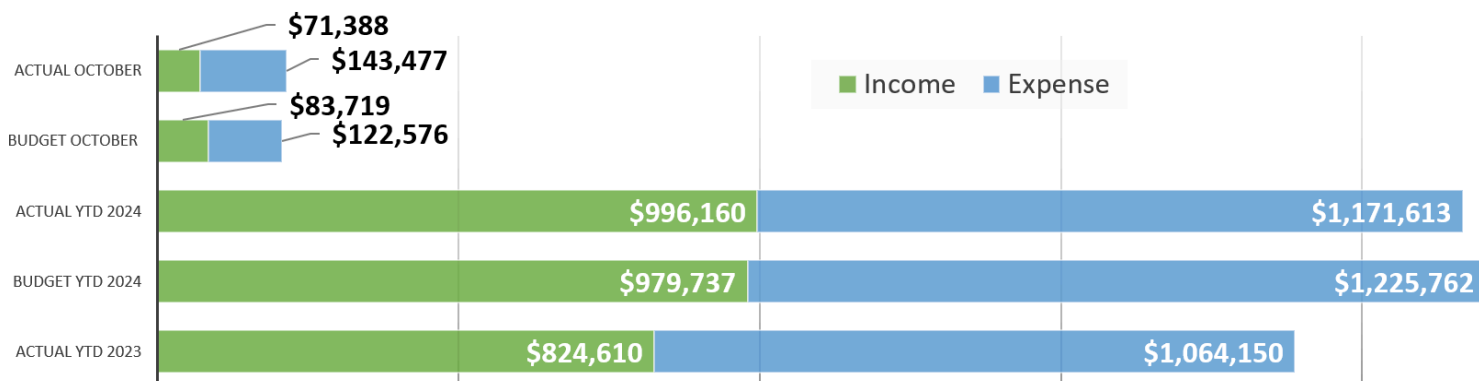
Please join in celebrating these joys with prayers of praise:

Craig Bartling shared that his daughter, **Amber Lloyd**, and her husband, Ben, welcomed their son, Jett Richard Lloyd, into the world on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 8:26 pm. Mom and son are doing great. Jett is welcomed at home by his parents, sister Rose, and brother Dominic.

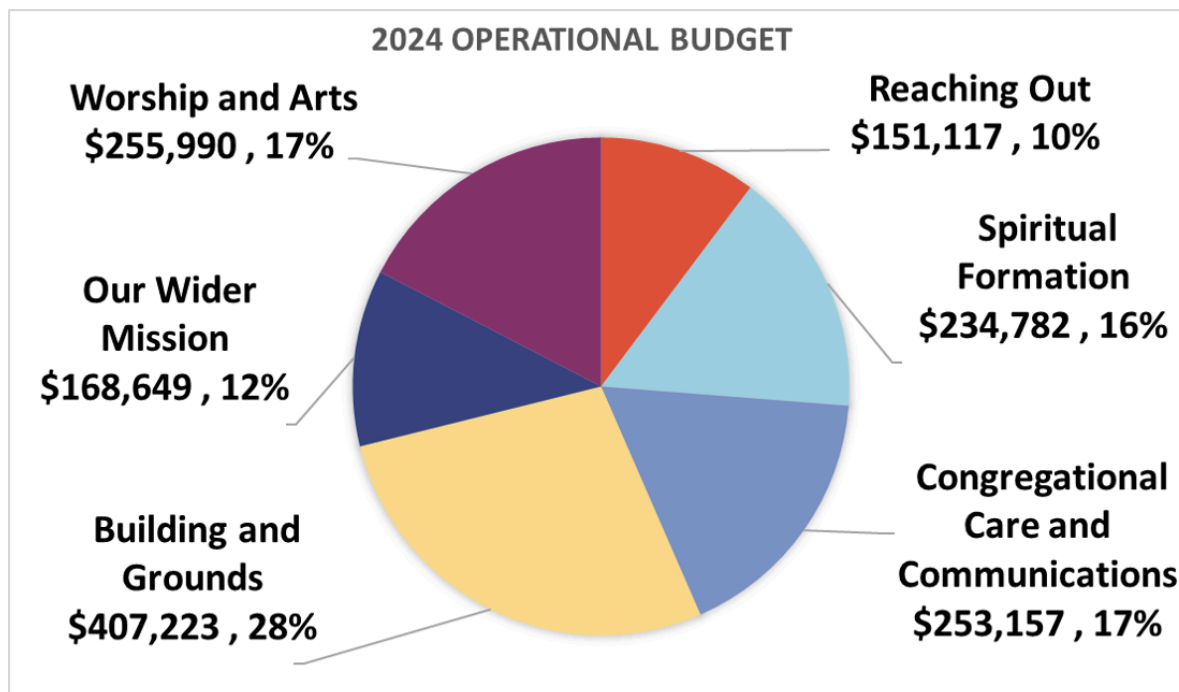
Our Church by the Numbers

We are just over three fourths of our church's fiscal year. Thus far, member revenue year-to-date is slightly above budget and expenses are slightly below our forecast. However, having noted that, the current year budget had a \$315,116 shortfall, when comparing this year's revenue and expense. We are using money from our savings account to make up the difference! Stay tuned as we share more information about the numbers of the church.

Budget vs. actual for the month & year-to-date



Operational Budget



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And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. – 2 Corinthians 9:8

The Stewardship Committee is thrilled to invite you to join them in Countryside's *Imagine More* stewardship campaign for the upcoming year. Last week we heard from Brian and Jenna Gabriel and their family. To listen to them and other fellow church members speak about why they give and what Countryside means to them, visit countrysideucc.org/ImagineMore.



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Turning Dreams Into Reality

Submitting your pledge card is an act of faith and commitment, transforming our collective dreams into concrete plans. If you haven't yet turned in your pledge card, please consider doing so. Let's build a future where generosity leads the way, and where the vision we hold becomes the reality we live.

HOW TO PLEDGE

Fill out a a pledge card

- Paper pledge cards can be found in the pews, at the Stewardship table in the Foyer or downloading a copy at countrysideucc.org/ImagineMore
- An online pledge card form can be found by using the QR code to the right or visiting countrysideucc.org/ImagineMore



online pledge

Return the pledge card to the church office or drop in the offering baskets

CONSIDER ONLINE REOCCURRING GIVING

Setup online giving

- complete the backside of the paper pledge card
- visit Countryside's giving portal by using the QR code to the right or visiting countrysideucc.org/ImagineMore



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