

23rd Sunday after
Pentecost



October 31, 2021
10:00 a.m.

OPENING WORSHIP SONG.....*"Famous One"*

WELCOME & INVOCATION.....*Jim Loeffler*

PRELUDE*"Shall We Gather at the River"*

SCRIPTURE (Revelation 1:1-3;17-20).....*Bobby Scalise & Tom Woolslayer*

THE LORD'S PRAYER*Sue Fuller*

PRAISE & WORSHIP.....*"Waymaker"*
"Revelation Song"

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

KIDS' TALK & DISMISSAL.....*Adrianne Morton*

HYMN #723.....*"Shall We Gather at the River"*

MESSAGE.....*Pastor Keith*

"Jesus' Words for the Church – Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow"

Be Encouraged, Be Ready for a New Day Is Coming!

Revelation 1:1-3;17-20

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE.....*"Holy Spirit Rain Down"*

BENEDICTION

EXIT SONG.....*"Glorious Day"*

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¹The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ²who testifies to everything he saw—that is, **the word of God AND the testimony of Jesus Christ.**

³ BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO READS ALOUD THE WORDS OF THIS PROPHECY AND BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HEAR IT AND TAKE TO HEART WHAT IS WRITTEN IN IT, BECAUSE THE TIME IS NEAR.

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: *"Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.*

¹⁹ *"Write, THEREFORE, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. ²⁰ The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches."*

A SUMMARY OF REVELATION 1-3

The book of Revelation is a Revelation of the Glorified and Resurrected Jesus...AND OF Jesus' words to the church.

I believe that Revelation is **intended to be our resurrected Lord's word to encourage and prepare the church for the 'days to come'** ... there will be calamities and trials of all sorts ... And in the darkest moments ... God's angels and intercessors will strengthen and empower and enable the church to persevere UNTIL THE DAY THAT JESUS WILL COME AGAIN and MAKE ALL THINGS RIGHT ...

IN THIS WORLD WE WILL EXPERIENCE: MATTHEW 24:6-13

⁶ You will hear of wars and rumors of wars but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁷ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of birth pains.

⁹ Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. ¹⁰ At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, ¹¹ and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. ¹² Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³ but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

BUT WHAT IS REALLY OCCURRING IS: EPHESIANS 6:12-13

¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

¹³Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

AND THAT THE CHURCH ... INCLUDING SHUMC IS GOD'S INTENDED INSTRUMENT TO THE WORLD
--- TO PREPARE THE WORLD FOR KING JESUS' 2nd COMING ...

WEDDING ANALOGY & METAPHOR

AN EXPLANATION OF THE METAPHOR

SO --- WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO US?

WE MUST NOT TURN A DEAF EAR TO JESUS' WORDS – FOR OUR VERY LIVES ARE IN PERIL ...

JESUS --- THE RISEN KING OF GLORY ... IS PREPARING TO COME AGAIN

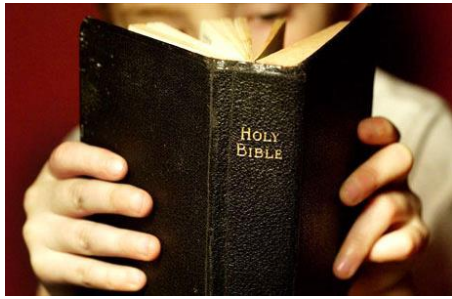
ARE WE READY?

BE ENCOURAGED

PREPARE OURSELVES, OUR FAMILIES, OUR COMMUNITIES SO THAT WE
ARE NOT CUT-OFF FROM THE LOVE OF KING JESUS.

PREPARE YE THE WAY FOR THE LORD ... AND MAY WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE GLORIOUS DAY
THAT WITH GOD'S HELP ... ALL THINGS WILL BE MADE RIGHT AND THY KINGDOM COME WILL
BE DONE ... IN US AND THROUGH US FOR ALL THE WORLD.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to these 3rd graders who will be receiving their 1st Bible:

*Madelyn Morton
Brody Rizzo
Ava Young*

A Big THANK YOU to these teachers and aids who minister to our children each Sunday:



*Dena Askins
Scott Askins
Jill Charlton
Diana Fike
Brad Hall
Mary Kobylinski
Christine Kozik
Kirk McFadden
Linda McGarvey
Gloria Mentch
Linda Miller
Elna Morton
Ryan Nuhfer
Kim Peters*



In Sunday School today,

David Dances

2 Samuel 6:1-19

"David Led the Procession of the Ark"



This year's Christmas pageant will be -

"SHUMI SAVES CHRISTMAS"

There will be a short meeting after worship **TODAY** in the Fellowship Hall for those who signed up for the pageant – both children and adults.



The Shawl Ministry wants to remind everyone that the lap blankets and shawls are free to give to someone you may know that needs one. Someone who has had a (recent surgery, hospital stay, homebound, births, etc.) All they ask is that you sign the sheet letting us know you've taken one so they can crochet and knit more.



October 31 - SMALL GROUPS (6-12 grade) will meet 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided directly following Church. We'll break up into small groups.



The HILL TOPPERS

(anyone 55 yrs. & up)

The HillToppers Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner & Game Night will be held on Friday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m. here at the church. There will be 2 sign-up sheets (one for how many attending and the other for what food item you'll be bringing). Bring a friend and **LET THE GAMES BEGIN!**



Calling all singers! We will be putting together an anthem choir for **Sunday, Nov. 21** to sing a thanksgiving song during the worship service. **Practice will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings.** SATB singers needed!

For those who cannot make the practice on Thursday evening, we'll have a 20-minute practice directly after worship on Sundays for you.

COVID PROTOCOLS

As a leadership team, we are making decisions daily & will continue to do so regarding COVID protocols here at SHUMC. We feel we should show our children a good example as they wear their masks so should we. We need to be mindful of the children AND ONE ANOTHER.

SO... We're asking a couple of things of you as you come to worship:

- 1) That people be mindful of responsible 'distancing' between family units
- 2) We're asking that everyone wear masks until the children are dismissed for Sunday School. Once the children are dismissed, you're welcome to take off your mask for the balance of the service.
- 3) We're asking that we all wear masks as we leave the sanctuary and return to our cars.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING And, of course, we continue to offer 'online worship' and study opportunities.

With love and care, *SHUMC*



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