

November 13, 2022

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost



Come Worship the Living



PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

TFWS# 2129

1. I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus -
no turning back, no turning back.

3. Though none go with me, still I will follow,
though none go with me, still I will follow,
though none go with me, still I will follow—
no turning back, no turning back.

2. The world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me -
no turning back, no turning back.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE

Philemon 1-25

NRSV

1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon, 2 to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, 5 because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. 6 I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. 7 I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

8 For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, 9 yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. 10 I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. 11 Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. 12 I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.

13 I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment

NLT

1 This letter is from Paul, a prisoner for preaching the Good News about Christ Jesus, and from our brother Timothy. I am writing to Philemon, our beloved coworker, 2 and to our sister Apphia, and to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church that meets in your house. 3 May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. 4 I always thank my God when I pray for you, Philemon, 5 because I keep hearing about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all of God's people. 6 And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ. 7 Your love has given me much joy and comfort, my brother, for your kindness has often refreshed the hearts of God's people. 8 That is why I am boldly asking a favor of you. I could demand it in the name of Christ because it is the right thing for you to do. 9 But because of our love, I prefer simply to ask you. Consider this as a request from me—Paul, an old man and now also a prisoner for the sake of Christ Jesus. 10 I appeal to you to show kindness to my child, Onesimus. I became his father in the faith while here in prison. 11 Onesimus hasn't been of much use to you in the past, but now he is very useful to both of us. 12 I am sending him back to you, and with him comes my own heart.

for the gospel, 14 but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. 15 Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, 16 no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

17 So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. 18 If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. 19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. 20 Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. 21 Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

22 One thing more: prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you. 23 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, 24 and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my coworkers. 25 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

13 I wanted to keep him here with me while I am in these chains for preaching the Good News, and he would have helped me on your behalf. 14 But I didn't want to do anything without your consent. I wanted you to help because you were willing, not because you were forced. 15 It seems you lost Onesimus for a little while so that you could have him back forever. 16 He is no longer like a slave to you. He is more than a slave, for he is a beloved brother, especially to me. Now he will mean much more to you, both as a man and as a brother in the Lord.

17 So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. 18 If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge it to me. 19 I, PAUL, WRITE THIS WITH MY OWN HAND: I WILL REPAY IT. AND I WON'T MENTION THAT YOU OWE ME YOUR VERY SOUL!

20 Yes, my brother, please do me this favor for the Lord's sake. Give me this encouragement in Christ. 21 I am confident as I write this letter that you will do what I ask and even more! 22 One more thing—please prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping that God will answer your prayers and let me return to you soon. 23 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends you his greetings. 24 So do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my co-workers.

25 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

SERMON

Let It Go

Pastor Claudia Stallings

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be
done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CONSECRATING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below,

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HYMN

I Surrender All

UMH# 354

1. All to Jesus I surrender;
all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him,
in his presence daily live.

Refrain

I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender;
humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken;
take me, Jesus, take me now.

Refrain

3. All to Jesus I surrender;
make me, Savior, wholly thine;
let me feel the Holy Spirit,
truly know that thou art mine.

Refrain

4. All to Jesus I surrender;
Lord, I give myself to thee;
fill me with thy love and power;
let thy blessing fall on me.

Refrain

5. All to Jesus I surrender;
now I feel the sacred flame.
O the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to his name!

Refrain

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

PRAYER REQUESTS

Virginia Abbott	Mitch Early	Sara Katherine Reid
Alice Alford	Cicero Gainer	Vance Richardson
Matt Amason	Jackie Gray	Amy Salley
Sheryl Baird	Sibyle Harmon	Janet Sheek
Betty Lou Brame	Leroy Harris	Nell Simmons
Peggy Burch	Elnora Holmes	Hazel Stewart
Justin Chamberlain	Nancy Hulon	Darlene Thomas
Mitzie Conner	Brittany Johnson	Tim
Ralph Conner	Maureen	Helen Wallace
Lois Crafton	Joe Miller Sr.	Curtis Walsh
Dot Davis	Debbie Mullins	Iris Ward
Erica	Frances Owen	Shirley Wiegand
Jimmie Early	David Pittman	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Full calendar can be found at www.ramseymemorial.org

November 17	Prayer Group	(11:00am)
November 20	Christ the King Sunday	(10:00am, Sanctuary)
November 27	Advent Bible Study	(9:00am, Sanctuary)
November 27	First Sunday of Advent	(10:00am, Sanctuary)
December 1	Prayer Group	(11:00am)

Scan the QR code below to be directed to our online giving resource!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT STUDY

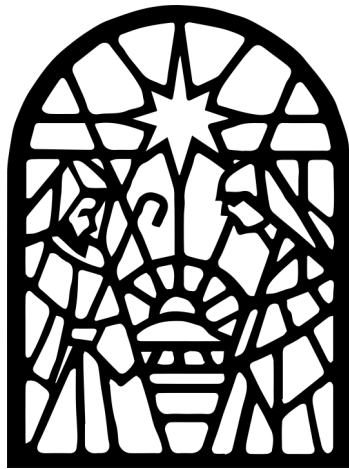
During Advent, Ramsey Church is studying together Because of Bethlehem: Love is Born, Hope is Here by Max Lucado.

WHEN: Sundays, November 27 - December 18 9:00AM

WHERE: Church Sanctuary

DETAILS: Student books are available. To receive a copy, call or email the church office at 804-276-4628 / admin@ramseymemorial.org.

A donation of \$9 is appreciated but not required.



LIVING NATIVITY

If you wish to place a Poinsettia in our sanctuary for the Christmas season, please fill out the insert in your bulletin or contact the church office at admin@ramseymemorial.org/804-276-4628.

The cost is \$11.50. We ask that you leave them in the church until December 24.

The deadline to order poinsettias is Tuesday, November 29.

CHURCH-WIDE SURVEY

We want your anonymous input about the long-standing tradition at Ramsey to hold a combined Spanish/English worship service on the 5th Sunday in months with 5 Sundays. Is it still meeting the needs our congregation? Call or email your "almost anonymous" input to these 2 questions to Melissa at 804-276-4628 / admin@ramseymemorial.org. Only Melissa will know who the input was given by. She will compile it and provide it to the leadership.

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(Ramsey United)? YES NO

Why or why not?

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