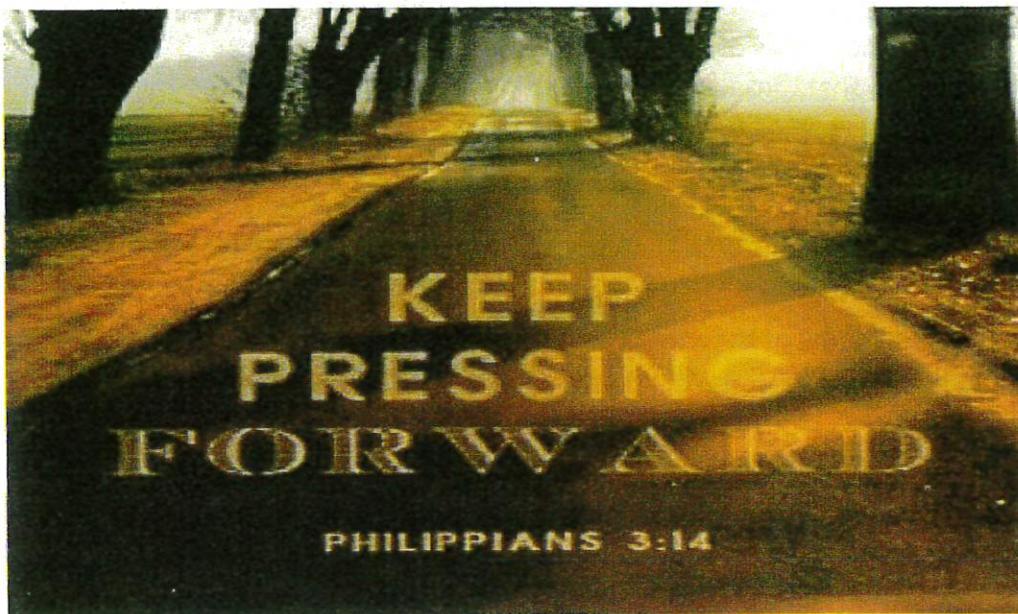

South Joplin
Christian Church



November 19, 2023



VISITORS: Please fill out a contact card from the welcome table and put it in the offering tray on your way out if you would appreciate a response from Pastor Colleen, or to be added to our email list. Thank you for worshiping with us today!



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Order of Worship

Prelude and Entrance of the Light

Chris Greninger, Pianist/Organist

Welcome

Pastor Carroll

Call to Worship

Leader: In every fragment of time, O God, You work Your acts of grace.

All: In every grain of earth, O Christ, You bring Your grace to life.

Leader: In every breath of every living thing, O Spirit, You whisper Your grace to our souls.

All: Open our eyes, open our ears, and open our hearts...

Open the senses of all people to Your ever-present grace;

Leader: That those who are disillusioned may hope again,

That those who are frightened may trust again,

That those who despair may rejoice again,

That those who grieve and are lost may love again.

All: And that all creation may be filled again with wonder at Your gracious glory. Amen.

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Centering Songs

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

Chalice Hymnal #714

Words: Fred Pratt Green, 1970, Music: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. Luther Orlando Emerson, 1906

“All Good Gifts”

Chalice Praise #100

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Invitation to Prayer (You may light candles at either station to aid in your personal prayer time prior to corporate prayer. Leave written requests in the offering plate by the sanctuary entrance.)

Prayer Song

“Now Thank We All Our God” *Chalice Hymnal* #715, Stz. 1

Words: Martin Rinkart, 1636; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858,alt.; Music: Johann Crüger, 1647; harm. Felix Medelssohn, 1840

Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus (debts/debtors)

Pastor Carroll

Anthem

“Give Thanks in Everything”

Chancel Choir

Words and Music: Douglas Nolan, ©1997 Malcom Music.

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:7-16 (NRSV*)

Don Smith

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Sermon "Pressing On" Pastor Carroll

Hymn of Preparation "In the Secret" *Chalice Praise #70*
(Repeat Chorus at the End)

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Communion Meditation and Prayer Margie Fitterling, Elder

Words of Institution Pastor Carroll

Participation (Please come forward to partake at one of two stations before returning to your pew by the center aisle. Notify the diaconate if you prefer to be served while seated.)

Offertory Margie Fitterling, Elder

Mission Challenge and Announcements Pastor Carroll

Benediction Based on Philippians 3

Leader: Beloved, the journey lies before us; the Spirit of Christ beckons us to follow.

All: Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, we press on toward the goal for the prize of blessed fellowship in Christ our Lord.

Closing Song; The Light Proceeds

"Grace, Love, and Fellowship"

(Please join us as we form a circle inside the sanctuary, holding hands if comfortably able, and sing the benediction to each other.)

May the grace of Christ, our Savior,
and the love of God, our Father,
and the fellowship of the Spirit be with us.

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and the love of God, our Father,
and the fellowship of the Spirit be with us.

Forever, and ever, forevermore, Amen.

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Postlude Chris Greninger

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This Week at South Joplin Christian Church

Wednesday, Nov. 22

No Choir

Thursday, Nov. 23

Thanksgiving - Office Closed

Friday, Nov. 24

Office Closed

Sunday, Nov. 26

Poinsettia Orders Due

8:00 am Elders

9:30 am S.S.

10:45 am Worship/No CW&W

Following Worship - Advent Decorating

4:00-6:00 pm Family Connection



We worship in spirit today with Global Ministries Mission focus for East Timor. Our prayer partner for East Timor is Protestant Church in East Timor (IPTL). For more information go to www.globalministries.org