

Rescuing us from the dominion of darkness.

Through the forgiveness of sins.

By the blood of God's Son (Jesus) shed on the cross.

In the New Testament: Light and Darkness as Spiritual Realities

Light = God's Presence, Truth, and Life

Darkness = Rebellion, Confusion, and Harm

God through the Son graciously brings from dark to light.

This is something to give thanks for.

Redemption of the Creation (vs. 15-20)

(15-16) Speak how the creation was through the Son.

(17) He is before all things, in him all things hold together.

(20) Through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Reconcile = prefix appo + katallasso

Katallasso = to reconcile, to change from hostility to peace.

Apo = intensifying the verb, often/completely, fully, decisively.

things on earth or things in heaven = everything, everywhere

Romans 8:19-23 The whole creation (Do dogs go to heaven?)

The redemption of the creation. Something to give thanks for.

Redemption of everyday life (vs. 9-10)

live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work. (This is the living out of the prayer, "thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.")

The opportunity to do this. Something to give thanks for.

FINAL THOUGHTS Jeremiah 23:1-6 p. 1,210

"Thankful for God's Promised Future"

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness."

Sermon Notes 11-23-2025

FIRST THOUGHTS Psalm 46 p. 885

"Thankful for God's Continual Presence"

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Louisville KY

The ministry of presence.

Psalm 46 is about Jerusalem.

Psalm 46 is about God's continual presence in Jerusalem.

Psalm 46 is about the confidence that the people of God can have in a frighteningly uncertain world.

The Psalm begins, continues, and ends with God's presence.

(1) God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

(7 & 11) The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

The Psalm mentions the frightening uncertainty of the world.

(1) mentions trouble (6) Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

The Psalm suggests 2 ways to be reminded of God's presence.

(8-9) **Remember** how God has acted on behalf of God's people. (vs. 10) **Be still**, and know that I am God.

What was true of God's presence then is also true now.

Let us be thankful this day for God's continued presence.

FURTHER THOUGHTS Colossians 1:9-20 p. 1,832

"Thankful that God 'Qualifies' Us, Through the Son"

Seminar "What happens when we die?" Silver Spring PA
Christian views on life after death.

Colossians 1 speaks to three dimensions of redemption:

The individual, The creation, Everyday life."

Individual Redemption (vs. 12-14)

(12) Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

*Prayerfully, openly engage in relationships
through Christ's love."*

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Advent reading materials are on the hallway table.
Poinsettia Order forms are also on the table. Thanks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mitten tree: We need hats, mittens, gloves & scarves for all ages. Deadline is **December 7th**.

November 26th 7 pm Community Thanksgiving Service.
If you need transportation to attend the Service, please let us know by speaking to a Deacon or see the sign-up sheet on the hall table. **Anyone willing to provide transportation** please speak to a Deacon or see the sign-up sheet on the hall table. **Your Deacons are:** Sally Ann McCrea, Dee denHartog, Donna Weer, Sarah Keiter, Deb Barrick and Bob Kovanic.

November 30 11:15 a.m., Decorating of the church for Advent and Christmas.

December 6th at 6:30 Advent Fellowship night. Truck Stop Cookie Packing and snacks & Hymn singing of Carols

December 14th after church Fellowship.

December 21st at 2:00pm Christmas Caroling. Meet at Church where we will carpool.

December 24th 7pm Christmas Eve worship.