

**Worship Committee**  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

Members Present: Linda, Holly, Rachel, Maranda, Cindy, Barbara, Tonja, Paola

**Agenda:**

Scripture Reflection

Ministry Corner in the future

Thank you cards and distribution for ministers

Art & Environment Decorating for Advent and Christmas (set dates and times)

***Scripture Reflection led by Holly***

This life is marked by a single choice: who or what will we center our lives around? This choice takes each of us down a path of decisions that shape who we are, what we feel, who or what we value, and what we will have accomplished at the end of our days. To center our lives around ourselves or the things of this world leads only to destruction. But, to center our lives around meeting with God fills each moment with the glorious abundance of God's love, provision, and transcendent peace. May your life be marked by union with your Creator as we explore what it means to center our lives around meeting with God this week.

[Ephesians 5:15-16](#) warns us, *“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.”* Our time is of the utmost importance here on earth. We'll never get back the days we spend frivolously pursuing the things of the world. We'll never get back the time spent outside of God's purposes of receiving and giving love. Our time here is too limited and too important to spend on burdens, stresses, sin, and worldly pursuits. If we're going to make the most of this life, we must learn to center our time around the eternal value of meeting with God. It's for this reason [James 4:13-15](#) says,

*Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”—yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.”*

Looking at the ways in which we spend our time is one of the best ways to assess the posture of our heart. If we spend all our time working for and thinking about the things of the world, we can know that we have not yet come into a right revelation of God's purposes for us. If we spend the majority of our time simply getting through our days trying to find happiness rather than seeking the face of our heavenly Father that we might receive sustaining, transcendent joy, we can know that we have yet to surrender our lives fully to our King.

The great thing about the nature of time is that it is completely ours to do with what we will. We can, right now, decide to make the best use of our time according to the purposes of God as revealed to us through Scripture. We can, right now, decide to stop wasting precious minutes on that which is fleeting and temporal and instead invest our days in the lasting, eternal, and fruitful purposes of our heavenly Father.

[Psalm 90:12](#) says, “Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.” God longs to teach us how to use our days wisely. He longs to give us a heart of wisdom that we might center our lives around meeting with him. You have God himself dwelling within you, ready to guide you into a lifestyle of purposeful living. Choose today to open your heart and mind to the Teacher, the very Spirit of God, and live according to his will. May you find peace, joy, and purpose in the ways in which you invest your time today.

***Eucharistic Minister for Mass and Eucharistic Minister for Hospital/Nursing Home/Homebound***

Fr. Will sponsor training with Deacon John – November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday – after First Saturday Celebration - Hospital/Nursing Home/Homebound/those untrained – will submit for mandate following – AMR – 9:00-9:50 AM

***Ministry Corner in the future***

- CLTW – include quotes and pictures from children, why they are participating
- Recruit middle and high school students to help
- Evening workshop for CLTW
- Make sure others know that resources and training are provided
- Shadow with other teachers to gain skills and confidence
- Specify on specific ministries where we may have a specific need

***Salaam Prayer Service***

- Disappointment in scheduling conflicts with other large events on the same day
- Still want to be welcoming/hospitable and promote the event

***Thank you cards and distribution for ministers***

- Cards, names, and mailing list distributed to members present,
- Return next meeting or to Holly on the weekend

***Art & Environment Decorating for Advent and Christmas***

Sunday December 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:30 AM

**For Ministry Corner in Bulletin: Still need descriptions and quotes from the following:**

Choir

Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound/Hospital/Nursing Home

Meeting Concluded at 7:55 PM

**Upcoming meetings:**

Nov 26

Jan 14

Feb 25

Mar 25

**November Agenda:**

Ministry Appreciation Retreat Logistics  
MSP Email Tutorial

**Upcoming to remember:**

Art & Environment – Purchase flowers in memory of to decorate the church.

Poinsettias for Christmas

Donations are being accepted for those wishing to purchase a poinsettia to decorate the church during the Christmas season beginning December 24 through January 6<sup>th</sup>. When contributing, please list a name you would like to remember through the poinsettia. Please contact Holly at [hsmith@ascension-parish.com](mailto:hsmith@ascension-parish.com) for more information.

MSP instruction for committee. Holly will show administrative access to send emails. If you need to send an email with attachments to ministers, send to Holly, David or Doug and they can easily do it for you.

Role as worship committee, meeting design/layout.  
Begin meeting with 15-minute scripture study/reflection.

2019 - Ministry Fair to recruit ministers.

**Worship Committee Roster with start dates**

Joe Krebs – Servers – August 2018  
Maranda Sanderfer – A&E -- December 2017  
Rachel Riggs – EME – August 2017  
Paola Murphy - Sacristans – March 2017  
Barbara Krebs - Sacristans– February 2017  
Linda Schork – Committee Chair – February 2017  
Doug Payne – MSP – Spring 2017  
David Ford – MSP – Spring 2017  
Cindy Robinson – Lectors – May 2016  
Tonja Logsdon - Hospitality – October 2016  
Jamie Gatewood – Music – Fall 2016  
Holly Smith – Worship Director – Spring 2015

## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

### *Mission Statement*

1. To offer counsel to the Pastor as well as the Directors of Worship and Music on methods to:
  - 1) Increase understanding and appreciation for the Sacrament of the Eucharist among the faithful;
  - 2) Foster “full, conscious and active” participation in the Mass; and
  - 3) Enhance the beauty of the worship space.
2. To identify opportunities to recruit, recognize and train lay ministers serving roles in the Eucharist, Hospitality, Lectors, Servers, Music, and Sacristans.
3. To highlight issues requiring the attention of the Pastor and parish staff resulting from community worship celebrations.

***The Worship Committee is not expected to engage in liturgical planning:*** the purchase of liturgical supplies and other such operational activities as may be delegated by the Pastor to the Directors of Worship and Music or other parish colleagues.