

WATERBURY CHURCH OF CHRIST

3211 North Main Street Waterbury CT, 06704

Privileged to Serve This Sunday - 12/7 Next Sunday - 12/14

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Morning Worship

Song Leader	As Selected	As Selected
Beginning Prayer	Mark Williamson	Taikwon Dudley
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9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Mon • Tues • Wed •
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10:00 AM

Worship
11:00 AM

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7:00 PM

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3211 North Main St. Waterbury CT, 06704
Pursuing excellence in our worship and service to God (col. 3:23-24)

Sunday, December 7, 2014

I Am Thankful For...

In 2013, Harris Polls conducted a survey to discover the things for which people are most thankful. The results of the poll revealed the following:

What People Are Most Thankful For In 2013:

1. Health of your family - 85%
2. Family relationships - 84%
3. Technology makes it easy to stay in touch with family and friends - 76%
4. Good technology is easily accessible - 68%
5. Your own personal economic situation - 62%
6. Work situation - 60%
7. It's safe to walk on the streets - 53%
8. The way people treat each other - 35%
9. The economic situation in the US - 17%

That was 2013. **For what are YOU most thankful NOW?**

The blessing for which we should be MOST thankful is the GIFT of God's Son, who died on the cross that we may have salvation from sin and eternal life.

Consider the "golden text" of the Bible (John 3:16):

- "For God" – the Greatest Giver
- "So Loved" – the Greatest Motive
- "The World" – The Greatest Number
- "That He Gave" – The Greatest Act
- "His Only Begotten Son" – The Greatest Gift
- "That Whosoever" – The Greatest Invitation
- "Believes in Him" – The Greatest Response
- "Should Not Perish" – The Greatest Deliverance
- "But Have Everlasting Life" – The Greatest Reward

JESUS is the blessing for which we should be MOST thankful because He saves us from the greatest peril and promises to us the greatest reward!

The "Greatest Response" ("believes in Him") means much more than intellectual awareness or agreement.

Wayne Jackson explains: "Biblical faith involves the [acceptance] of historical facts, the disposition to trust the object of the faith, and a willingness to be obedient to divine requirements."

The Greatest Response is FAITH that prompts us to place our **faith** and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from sin in **repentance** (Acts 17:30-31), **confess** Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be **baptized** (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). The response of faith will also be demonstrated in FAITHFULNESS throughout one's life (1 John 1:7).

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15).

http://www.creekwoodcc.org/lw_1%20Am%20Thankful%20For.htm

Sermon Notes

Welcome to our worship

If you are visiting with us today, you are our special guest. We ask that you fill out the information in the packet you received as you entered and give it back to one of the greeters at the front door or drop it in the collection plate. We hope that you are encouraged and grow closer to God as a result of being here today.



12/8 - Preston Hazard
12/9 - Bob O' Connell
12/13- Mickey Moore
12/13- Lucia Kucinkas



12/9 - Andre & Lucia Kucinkas - 9 Years

Haiti Mission Project

Requesting  Men's NEW black or brown shoes. Please place donations in the marked box in the foyer.

Annual Family Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 17 at 6:00pm at the church building. Activities include dinner together and then gingerbread house/tree decorating. Please arrive on time. Dinner will start promptly at 6:00. A sign up sheet will be sent around during services. **You must sign up for this event.** We need an accurate count for how many decorating kits to purchase. See Todd Sanzone with any questions.



Teen Guys Night

Saturday, Dec. 13th, 6:00pm at Donny's house. It will be a sleepover as well, so don't forget your sleeping bag and toothbrush :)

Teen Christmas Party

December 20th at 5:00pm Home of Jim and Tina Sanzone. Each teen should bring a \$10 or under grab bag gift. See Donny or the Sanzones for more info.

Family Prayer Night

Sunday, Dec. 21st at 6:00pm at the church building. Take a break from the holiday chaos for a time of reflection and praise as we join in an uplifting night of prayers and songs.



December 14 will be the next Fellowship Dinner, immediately following morning services. Please make plans to join us and also plan to go Christmas Caroling with us after dinner.



Annual Cookie Exchange

It's that time again ladies! Our Annual Cookie Exchange will be held on **Friday, December 19** at 7:00pm at the home of Tina Sanzone in Wolcott. Please bring 6 dozen homemade cookies to exchange and a grab bag gift (\$10 max) for a fun gift exchange. See Tina for more details.



Waterbury Church members will be going Christmas Caroling this year! Plans are underway to carol to our current shut-ins and elderly. We hope you can join us on **December 14, at 3:00pm** directly following Fellowship Dinner. We'll be leaving from the church building to begin our rounds of caroling.

See Nick LoRusso with any questions.

Upcoming Events

Family Fun Night (swimming) on **Feb. 15th** at 6:00 pm at the Malone center in Bristol. Donations of black or brown men's shoes requested for the Haiti Mission.

Winterfest Youth Rally Feb 19th-22nd Registration forms will be going out next week. We'll be chartering a coach bus with Manchester so space is limited.

Prayer Requests

- ✦ Tina Sw. asks for prayers for Jeanie M. that the new medication will bring her Chrons Disease into remission and prayers that Daniel & Tori will desire to become part of God's family as they continue to study.
- ✦ Denise would like prayers for her family to become closer and for her niece who is ill.
- ✦ Mariah asks for prayers for her mom who works hard & for children who are in need of a home and someone to care for them.
- ✦ Nancy C. requests prayers for her sister-in-law whose husband passed away recently. Pray that she will have comfort and peace.
- ✦ Chelsea would like prayers for her friend's grandma who is ill.
- ✦ Holly and Matt ask for prayers for the family of their neighbor, Jeremy. He passed away recently of a drug overdose. Also pray for his girlfriend, Brittney.
- ✦ Please continue to pray for Jeannette P. and family for physical strength, encouragement and continued trust in God.
- ✦ Pray for all those of our congregation who are sick, suffering with pain, or battling cancer. Pray that they will be blessed by the Lord with comfort and healing.



4th week of November - Celebrate the Holidays with Christ

Objective - As we celebrate the holidays, let us remember to invite Christ into our home to celebrate with us and our friends.

Focus on the Word - Matthew 26: 17 - 20, Mark 14: 12 - 16, Revelation 3: 20

Family Discussion: What is your favorite holiday? What does your family love about the holidays? Why do you think families like getting together to celebrate?

Just like us, the Jews used to celebrate several holidays in the Bible, and Jesus Christ celebrated with them as well. One of their favorite holidays, **The Passover**, has its history during the Exodus movement when God freed them from slavery in Egypt (Read Exodus 12: 1 - 17). Why do you believe it was so important for them to celebrate the Passover every year since that moment in Egypt? As you celebrate the holidays, what are some specific blessings that your family should remember?

In Matthew 26: 17-20 and Mark 14: 12-16, Jesus and his disciples celebrate the Passover with a family in their household. Just like we do today, the Jewish people celebrated their holidays with family, and Christ did it as all. The Bible says they prepared a furnished room and some good food, and Christ sat with them and ate with them. Use your imagination a bit - what do you believe was happening around Christ's dinner table? What did they talk about? What did they do? One thing is for certain, Christ used the opportunity to **fellowship** and **share the Gospel** with whomever family He was eating with. Should we do the same today during the holiday season? As a Christian family, remember that Christ is sitting around your dinner table, not only during the holidays during every time your family is eating together.

Family Challenge: Read Revelation 3: 20 together - Would you say that Christ is always around your dinner table, or would you say He is standing at the door knocking? If so, how can you invite Jesus to dine with your family? If Christ is already in your home - How can you share Him with everyone in your household and outside your home as well?

Memory Verse: Revelation 3: 20

Quick Links

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(YouTube)



Past Sermons



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you would like to place in the bulletin? Email your information to Tricia Sanzone at bulletin@waterburychurch.org or call (860) 584-5357 by Thurs. morning to get your announcement in for Sunday's publication.