Announcements and Opening Prayer Communion Songs: Revelation 4 and 5

# A Firm Foundation

(<u>Matthew 7:24-25</u>) EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

I. "These Words of Mine" (The words of Christ)

No one ever spoke as that man spoke (John 7:46) You alone have the words of eternal life (John 6:68) He sustains all things by his powerful word (<u>Hebrews 1:3</u>) Faith comes from hearing the words of Christ (<u>Romans 10:17</u>)

#### Foundational Truths

The reality of God (<u>Genesis 1:1</u>)

2. The authority of scripture (2 Timothy 3:16)

3. The lordship of Jesus Christ (Philippians 2:11)

# Fundamental Principles

I. The assurance of salvation in Christ (John 1:12)

- 2. Holy Spirit power to live by (Acts 1:8; Galatians 5:16,25)
- 3. Connection to the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:16)
- 4. Participation in the cause of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20)

## Faithful Promises

- I. God's presence (Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5)
- 2. God's power (Philippians 4:13; 2 Peter 1:3)
- 3. God's providence (Philippians 4:19; 2 Corinthians 9:8)
- 4. God's peace (John 14:27; Philippians 4:7)

II. <u>Our Response = Faithfulness!</u>

I. Faith (reliance, trust) 2. Obedience (action, application)

The Outcome = Love! The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. (Galatians 5:6)

# Application

- I. What do you consider the non-negotiables of Christianity?
- 2. How are they lived out in your life?
- 3. To what degree has the outcome of your faith been love?

#### **Our Mission**

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# Prayer Concerns

#### Recent additions

Sharon Shyrigh -- surgery on Monday, 11/6 Tom Schoenherr -- in hospice care Carl Stahly -- aortic aneurysm Melody Davenport -- kidney stones Joe Smotherman -- blood clots on lungs Norita Skinner -- in hospice care The family of Kathy Will The deAraujo family -- loss of grandson, Luke Angelina James -- treatment for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

#### <u>Praise</u>

Melvin and Barbara Stutzman's new daughter, Olivia Rose.

#### Continue to Remember Those in Need

Jim Wickey -- lower back pain Tim McKinley -- treatment for digestive issues The Carpenter Family Dale Davis -- dialysis and cancer treatment Lisa Franks -- pain management

#### Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Betty Carpenter -- Laurels Don Rubley -- at home

## Pray for our nation and the world during these uncertain days

# 11.05.2023

Welcome to our worship service. We are glad you are joining us today! Communion elements are on the table as you enter the sanctuary. There is extra seating available in our fellowship hall. Kindly silence your phone before service.

Adult Ed Classes Today -- <u>Grief Share</u> meets in the overflow room; <u>Storm</u> <u>Insurance: Preparing for the Top Five Storms of Life</u> meets in the fellowship hall.

**Michigan March for Life** -- Wednesday, November 8. There is a bus going to Lansing from Coldwater. This is a free event. For more information check in the lobby.

**A Holiday Event:** Plan to experience *The Lighting of Shipshewana* on November 11 at 7:00 p.m. For more information, go to *The Lighting of Shipshewana*.

**Annual Meeting** -- Sunday, November 12 following worship service. There will be a vote to amend Article VII, Section 7 of the church by-laws. There is a sample copy of the proposed changes in the lobby. There will also be a vote for three church council positions. The current council members are: Marcia Goheen, Frank Cabrera, Lisa Franks, Steve Byler, Scott Carpenter, Tim Long and Bob Mayer

Women's Fellowship -- meets on Tuesday, November 14 at 1:00 p.m.

**Lost and Found** -- Please check in the fellowship hall on the coat racks to see if you are missing a jacket or other item.



**Peace-today.com**-- an online resource for podcasts, books, research and testimonials on some of the topics from this summer's sermon series. Scan the QR code to the left or pick up a flier in the lobby.



**Ways to Give:** Offering plates are in the lobby. Donations can be made online by going to <u>bethelgilead.org</u> (Donate tab), or by scanning the QR code to the left and using PayPal. You can authorize a monthly debit from your bank account by completing a form (contact the office).

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