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October 2020

Reflections

October is here and it is always one of my favorite times of the year. The leaves change but haven't yet fallen all over the yard. The weather cools off, but not to the point where it is unbearably cold. It is a time of year where you can enjoy the changes of Mother Nature without yet having to deal with what those changes bring with them.

Change in this sense is good, but October is also a reminder that it is time to prepare for the winter. One aspect of life that does not appear to be changing much is the situation with Covid-19 that has already led to so many other changes. It appears that it will be a reality for at least the coming winter as will all of the precautions associated with it such as masks and social distancing and avoiding large crowds. While it can be disheartening that we are still dealing with all of these inconveniences, the good news is that our area has not, to this point, suffered a

major outbreak and we all know a lot more now about how to keep ourselves and others safe.

So as summer slowly turns to winter, the challenge remains of how to balance these precautions with worshipping in a manner that is both spiritually fulfilling and, most importantly, expressive of our reverence and appreciation to God. My hope is that the parking lot service will continue to be a functional means to meet those needs. The radio transmitter was purchased as an all-weather option for outdoor worship. The hope is that you can still participate in worship from the comfort of a warm car without even having to trudge across that cold parking lot on chilly winter mornings. I am working on some creative ways to incorporate the Advent and Christmas celebrations into that format. However, this might prove to be wishful thinking and we may need to consider ways to transition into a safe and responsible

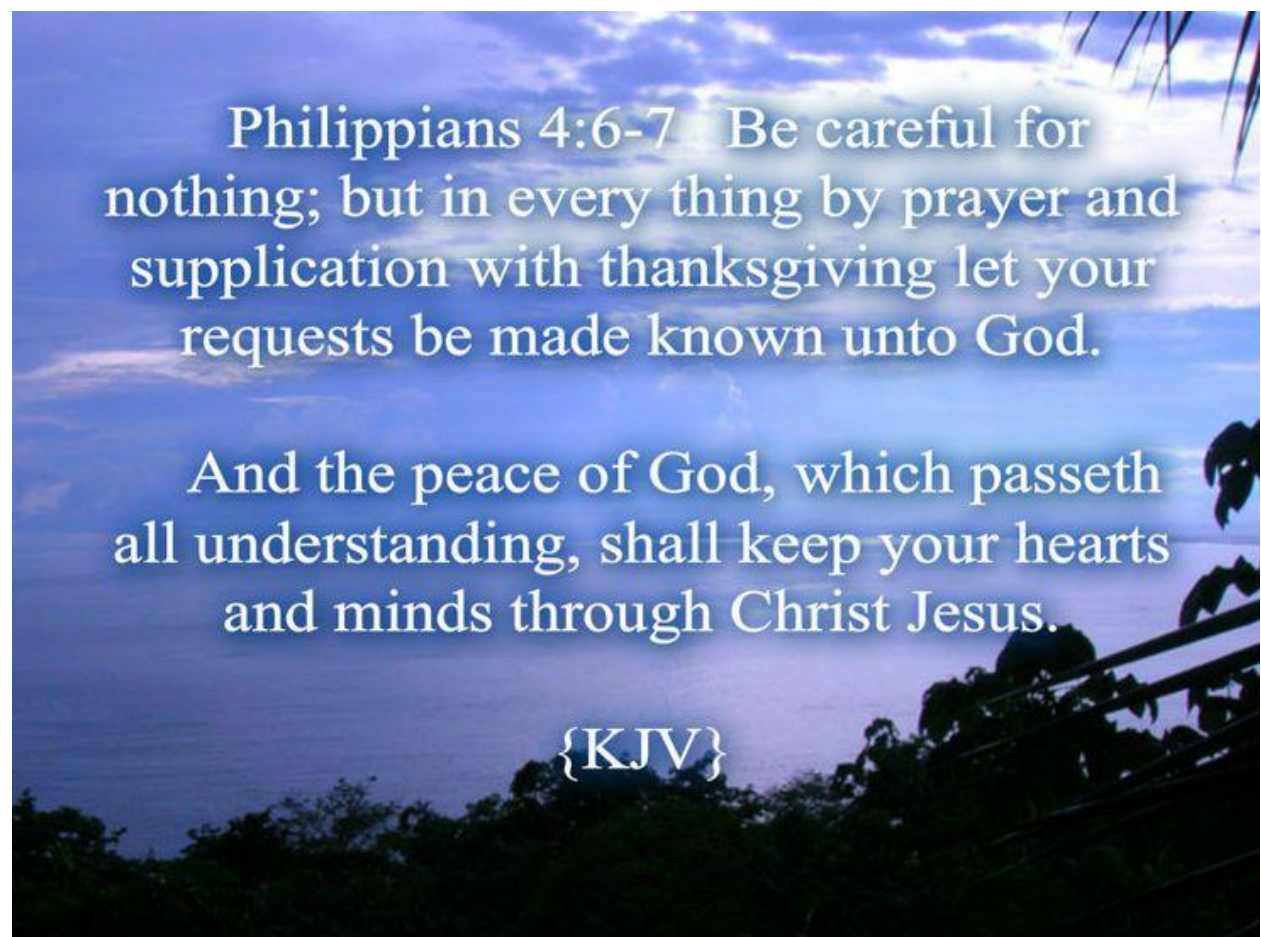
form of in-person worship. As always, your feedback as we go is appreciated as is the patience that everyone has shown throughout these past few months.

In the meantime though we can look forward to at least a few Sundays this month to enjoy worship outside in the

cathedral that God built with all of its glorious colors on display. May their brilliance be a reminder that even as we prepare for colder days and longer nights we can still stop and marvel at God's majesty as we remember how much we are likewise surrounded by God's love.

God be with you,

Scott



October Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in *italics*

October 4 (18th Sunday after Pentecost)

- *Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20*
- Psalm 19
- Philippians 3:4b-14
- Matthew 21:33-46

October 18 (20th Sunday after Pentecost)

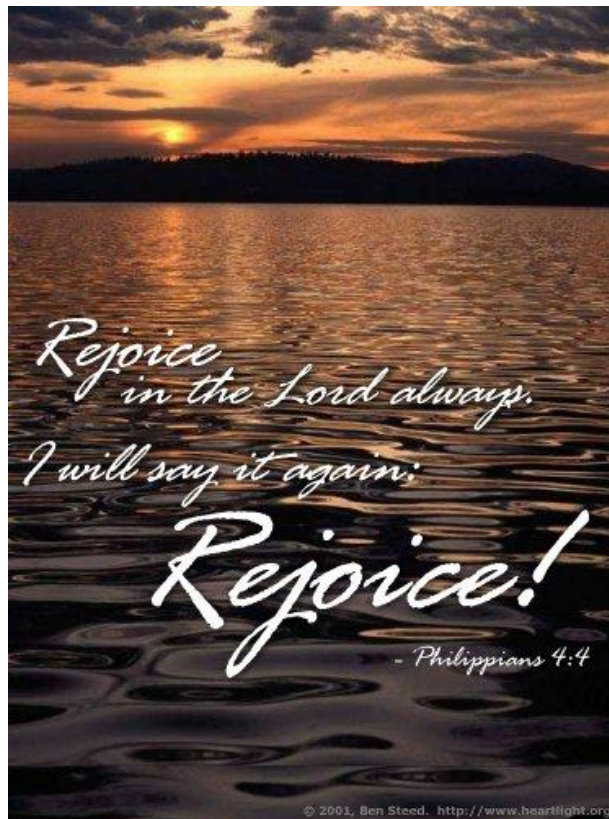
- Exodus 33:12-23
- Psalm 99
- 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
- *Matthew 22:15-22*

October 11 (19th Sunday after Pentecost)

- *Exodus 32:1-14*
- Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
- Philippians 4:1-9
- Matthew 22:1-14

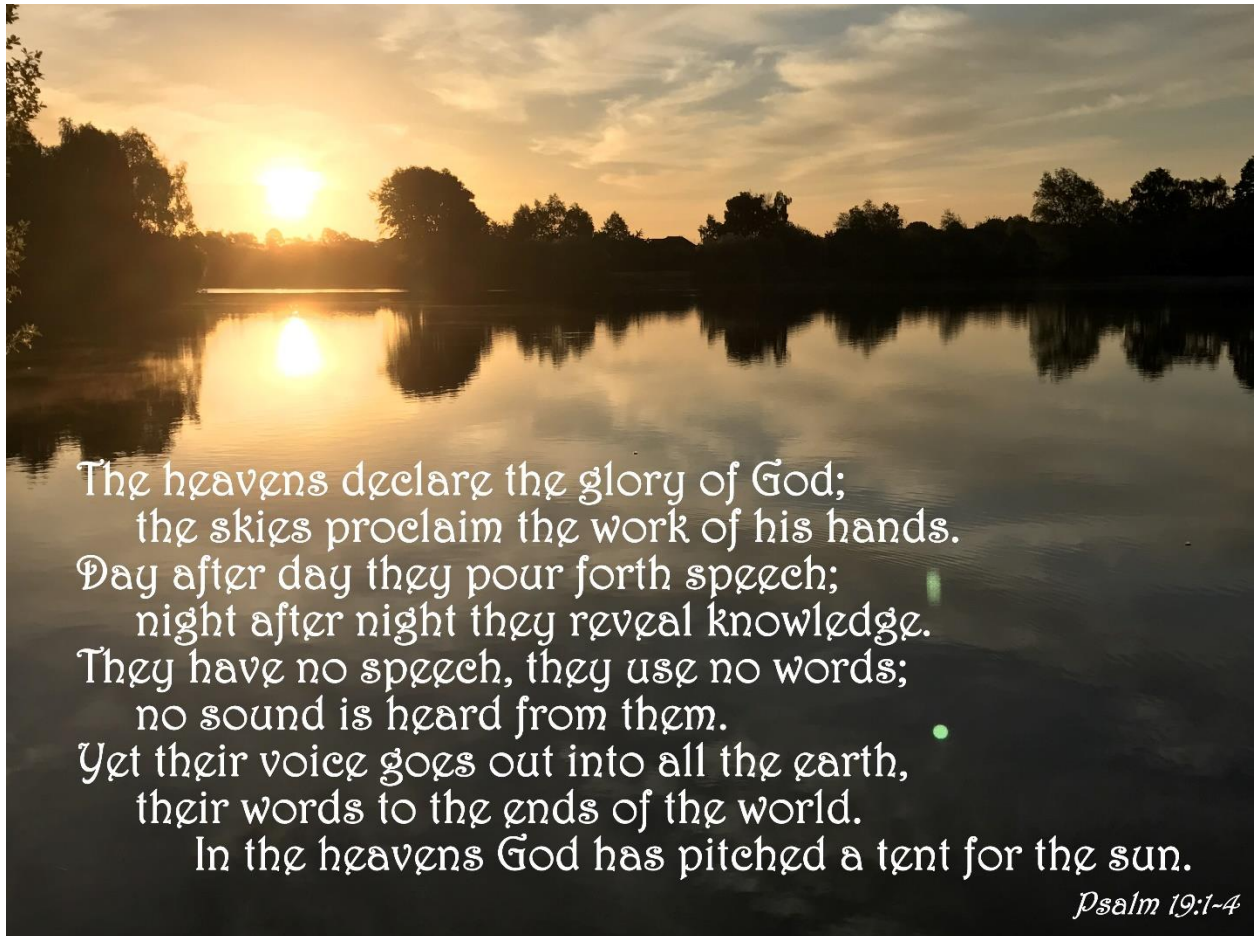
October 25 (21st Sunday after Pentecost)

- Deuteronomy 34:1-12
- Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
- 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
- *Matthew 22:34-46*



***PRAYERS** FOR THOSE ON THE CHURCH PRAYER
REQUESTS LIST*

*CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY
THE COVID 19 VIRUS AND THE MANY WORKERS DEALING
WITH THESE CONCERNS EVERY DAY..*



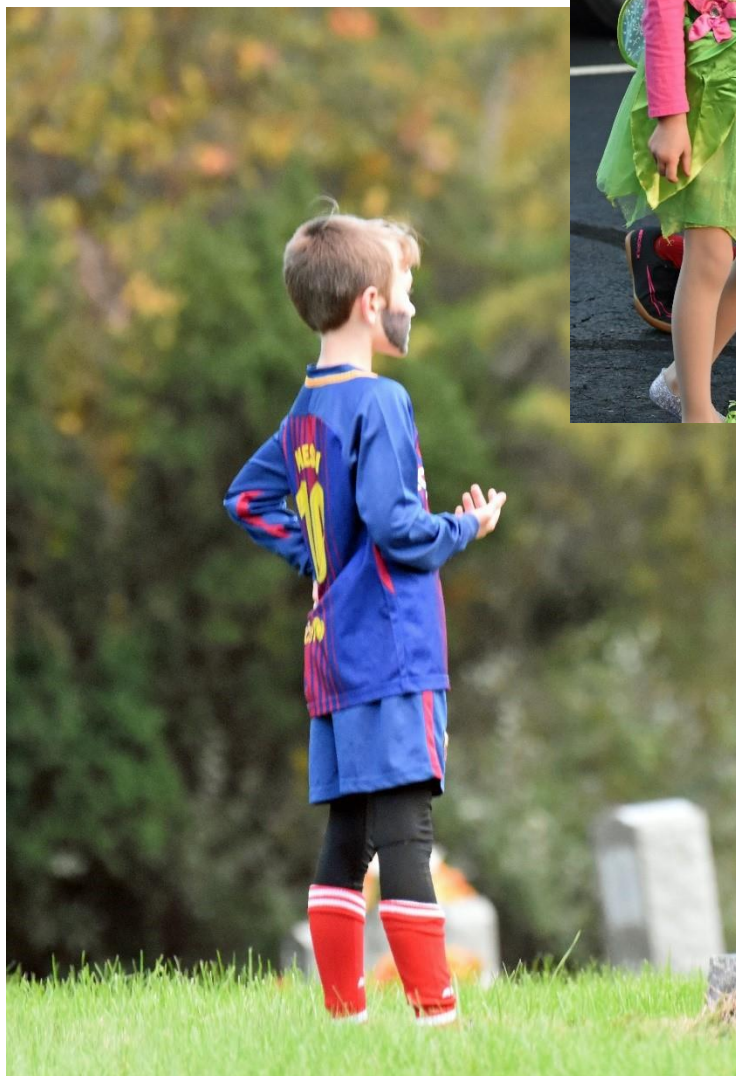
The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.
They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.
Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

Psalms 19:1-4

MEMORIES OF TRUNK OR TREAT









Let the words of
my mouth, and
the meditation of
my heart, be
acceptable in thy
sight, O LORD,
my strength, and
my redeemer.

Psalm 19:14





LET'S CELEBRATE



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Trey Washburn
- 4 Donald Belcher
- 10 Ruth Davidson
- 10 Russell Tilley
- 10 Lucas Perdue
- 13 Ricky Doyle
- 16 Brian Doyle
- 17 Ken Beall
- 18 Jeannie Plybon
- 22 Jennifer Brown
- 25 Mike Doyle
- 25 Max Mitchell
- 28 Janet Perdue
- 29 Taylor Biggs

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 24 Jimmie & Vivian Doyle
- 28 Ryan & Melissa Haynes

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