

# Antioch Christian Church

# The Lamp

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## COMING UP

Tues., Nov 4 Election Day  
Tues., Nov 11 Board Mtg, at  
7:30 pm  
Sun., Nov 16 Homecoming  
Sun., Nov 30 Advent Begins  
& 5th Sunday  
Sat., Dec 13 Wigglesworth  
Christmas Party

## Happy Hearts

Thursday, Nov 13, Noon

## Adult Bible Study

Sundays, 9:45am

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## Antioch's New Interim Minister Begins

On October 26th, Antioch welcomed the Rev. John Powell as our new interim minister.

John and his wife Katie immediately became actively involved with the Congregation by attending Sunday school and the annual Consecration dinner after church.

John is also scheduled to visit Antioch's shut-ins and will be bringing the sermon and leading the service each Sunday until the Antioch locates a full-time minister.

Before coming to Antioch, John served for 19 years as Senior

Pastor of the Boonsboro, MD. Disciples of Christ Congregation. He has also served many other churches and currently serves as the Moderator for the Christian Church in the Capital area region.

John has been married to his wonderful wife Katie for 33 years. They have two children, Jason (age 30) and Janice (age 25).

Everyone greatly enjoyed the enthusiasm and truth in John's message last Sunday. We look forward to more inspiring messages as we enter the Holiday season.

## Ethel Adams' 103rd Birthday

It isn't everyday that someone reached their 103rd birthday. One of the most special people we know—Ethel Adams—will be 103 on November 12th.

A special Antioch celebration is planned for Ethel on Sunday, Nov. 9 at the Sunrise Assisted Living

Facility on 2863 Hunter Mill Road in Oakton.

The Antioch choir will be singing Ethel's favorite hymns and there will be cake for all.

Please bring a birthday card for Ethel or mail one to the church.

## November-an Exciting Month for Antioch

November is a great month to come back to Antioch if you have been absent. We have a new minister, we are having our annual homecoming celebration Nov 16 and Advent starts Nov 30.

Before we all get too busy with Thanksgiving and Christmas, let's return to Antioch and thank our

Heavenly Father for all the blessings He has given us. God's spirit is at Antioch and so is the love of the Antioch family. We hope everyone will come to this special place next Sunday.

Also don't forget to turn in your Consecration pledges if you missed last Sunday.

## ***Thanksgiving - A Call to Praise***

**By Terry Wigglesworth**

As we enter the month of Thanksgiving, let's take a few minutes to reflect on praise to God.

### **God Inhabits the Praises of His People**

Do you ever wonder where God is? Do you wish you could "feel" His presence when you pray? The bible says in Psalms 22:3 that "God inhabits the praises of His people." In other words, God "dwells" in the very praises we offer up to Him. That is why we often begin to "feel" God's presence when we take time to offer up uninterrupted praise or thanksgiving to Him.

Praise is a vehicle of faith which brings us into the presence and power of God! Praise and worship is the "gate-pass" which allows us to enter the sacredness of His glory. The psalmist writes, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name" Psalms 100:4.

### **Praise Lifts Us Out of Terrible Circumstances**

Do you remember the story of Paul and Silas in Acts Chapter 16. They were under arrest because they had cast a demon out of a local girl. They had been severely beaten and they were fastened in chains. The atmosphere there was depressing. According to the standards of that day, a prison was a dark, damp, stench-ridden place, with no facility for waste or comforts of any kind.

Yet, in spite of the throbbing pain in their bodies and the depressing surroundings, Paul and Silas were heard praying and singing praises to God at midnight! How strange this must have seemed to the guards and the other prisoners, who were used to hearing only cursing and cries for help.

But God heard them and suddenly, there was an earthquake that opened their prison doors and amazingly, the bonds of Paul, Silas, and every other prisoner were released! Can you imagine the great joy in the prison as God set everyone free!

### **Praise Makes Us Aware of God's Great Love and Power**

In my own life, whenever I praise God I become supernaturally aware of His great love for me and also His great power over everything that happens to me and His world. I know that God is truly God.

I realize that by making the choice to stop worrying and put everything in His hands, I have assured that all my problems will be solved. Once I completely trust God with my future and submit to His will for my life, He will lead me. He will speak to me in my thoughts and tell me whether to continue to wait for His solution or move ahead with His plan for my life. This all happens when I praise Him because that is how I see Him as God and the Lord of my life.

Let us all take time daily to thank God for all that He has given us. Let us also praise Him because of His inherent greatness, power, mercy and love for us. As John L. Stevens says in his poem, I Will Praise Him:

I will praise Him in the morning when I rise to meet the Son.  
I will praise Him in His glory as we meet there one on one.  
I will praise Him through the day time for all that He has done.  
I will praise Him every moment till the setting of the sun.

# Seven Ways to Praise God

By the Musician Carman

There are many forms of praise. Praise is a very important aspect of our relationship with God. God inhabits our praise and we should not be inhibited in our praise, for our praise glorifies God. In the Hebrew language there are seven words that are synonymous with the English word "praise." Here they are:

**1. Towdah**—This is the sacrifice of praise. Praising the Lord, even if you don't feel like praising the Lord. Praising the Lord even though you are going through many trials in your life. This is your sacrifice to God.

**Hebrews 13:15 : By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name.**

**2. Yadah**—This is the demonstration of our love and submission to the Lord by the raising of our hands. Lifting your hands to the Lord in total submission and devotion.

**Psalms 134:2 : Lift your hands in holiness and bless the Lord.**

**3. Barouch**—This means to bow. To be completely overwhelmed by His majesty and bow at His feet in submission and honor to the Lord.

**Psalms 95:6 : O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

**4. Shabach**—This means to shout. Praise to the Lord given in the form of a shout. Lifting your voice unto the Lord, giving praise for what He has done and what He is going to do.

**Ezra 3:11 : And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the Lord.**

**5. Zamar**—Playing any instrument that glorifies the Lord.

**Psalms 150 : Hallelujah! Yes, praise the Lord! Praise him with the trumpet and with lute and harp. Praise him with the drums and dancing. Praise him with stringed instruments and horns. Praise him with the cymbals, praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.**

**6. Halell**—This means to rave and boast of the wonders of the Lord with excitement through dance.

**II Samuel 6:16 : And as the Ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the Lord.**

**7. Tehillah**—This one is the best. It is the combination of singing, shouting, dancing, clapping and rejoicing before the Lord.

**Psalms 47:1: O clap your hands, all ye people: shout unto God with the voice of triumph.**

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### *Elder & Deacon Service Schedule*

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ELDERS</b>	<b>DEACONS</b>	<b>READER</b>
11/2	Karen Curtis Bill W. Wilke	Kevin Curtis Rebecca Curtis	Ed Mella
11/9	Bill D. Wilke Donna Hunter	Joe Lewis Jeanne Mella	Kevin Curtis
11/16	Neil Romstedt Kevin Wiggs	Karen Holley Shirley Elliott	Bill D. Wilke
11/23	Mary Beck John Holley	Linda Puff Paul Puff	Charles Donkor
11/30	Terry Wigglesworth Vivian Cruz	Karen Holley Shirley Elliott	Neil Romstedt