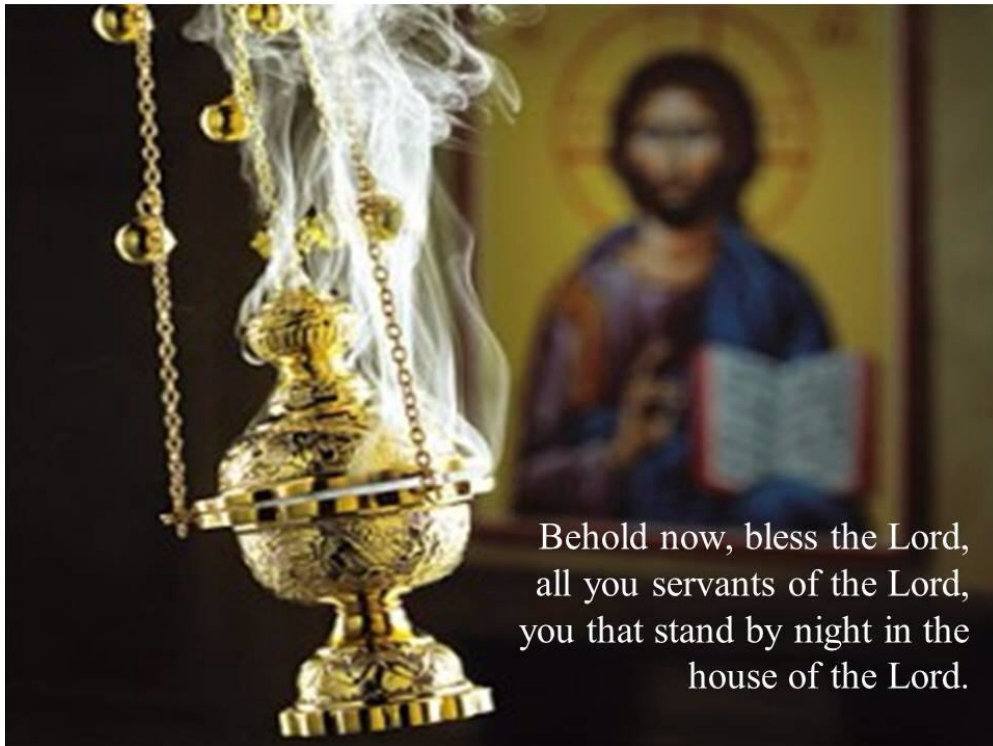


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Behold now, bless the Lord,
all you servants of the Lord,
you that stand by night in the
house of the Lord.

September 16, 2015

Harp and Bowl

*... the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders
fell down before the Lamb each holding a harp and
golden gowls full of incense, which are the prayers of
the saints. Revelation 5:8*

Worship and Prayer

This past Sunday we sang one of Matt Redman's older songs, Knocking on the Door of Heaven (released in 1997 on The Friendship and The Fear).

Chris Marchand of "Post Consumer Reports" comments that this song draws us into worship and intercession at the same time. I agree. While singing this song I want to both worship and pray more. It is an expression of the picture we see in Revelation of the "harp and bowl." Worship and intercession mix together very deeply and very powerfully.

Our Worship and Our Prayer

This raises a few things to consider about our own prayer life. The depth and richness of our prayers is increased in our times of worship. You experience and see things during worship you may not see at any other time. We catch the desires of Jesus about the extension of His Kingship while we are in worship. What you catch in worship is what you pray back to God. You may come out of worship with a deeper desire to feed the hungry, or to see justice of all kinds in the world, or to serve the lonely, or to start new ministry groups, to teach the Bible, to minister to families, etc. etc. etc. When that happens it is time to ask God to do and say more about what He has begun to show you. When your prayers are mixed with worship you will find yourself praying more fruitfully. What has God been showing you while you are worshipping? What is happening with what He has shown you as you continue to pray about it?

Coming Attractions

Wednesday, September 16, 2015 6:15pm Family on Mission Learning Community

Sunday, September 20, 2015 worship at 10:00am

Wednesday, September 23, 2015 6:15pm Family on Mission Learning Community

Sunday, September 27, 2015 worship at 10:00am

Wednesday, September 30, 2015 6:15pm Family on Mission Learning Community

Saturday, October 3, 2015 9:00am-1:00pm blessing of the animals at My Manakin Market

Sunday, October 4, 2015 10:00am blessing of the animals at St. Francis.

Our Missional Communities

The Parke will meet for pot luck and worship at on September 20 at 5:00pm at the home of Richard and Hedy Walker. Contact Richard Walker at richardandhedy@yahoo.com.

Parke outreach begins October 7th



Color Me FRIENDS

1484 Hockett Road, Manakin-Sabot, VA 23103

Ladies Adult Coloring

Come join in the latest craze for adult stress relief and enjoy the camaraderie of other women in a no pressure, fun evening of coloring and conversation.

This "no talent needed" activity replaces negative thoughts, creates a state of peace, and relaxes the mind, body, and spirit, while exploring your creative side.

~ Sponsored by Carol, Pattie, & Michie

What: Ladies Adult Coloring

When: 1st Wednesdays beginning October 7th

Where: St Francis - 1484 Hockett Road, Manakin-Sabot, VA

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Other: Once a month - no one needs to sign up or clean the house for guests! No pressure, just the girls, just for FUN! Questions?

Contact: Pattie at clapptwice1@aol.com

Symphony leads worship at the Symphony Assited Living Center on September 27th at 9:00am. Contact Bobbie Leviness at bobbiedrew@yahoo.com

Please bring nonperishable food to worship with you to donate to the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services food pantry.

Bishop Goff will be visitng St. Francis on October 25th. If you wish to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church please contact John at vicar@stfrancisva.org

Centerville Circle of Prayer

For Wells Fargo, Tommy Cahoon, Manager, that business would increase

Diocese of Virginia

For the clergy and people of Christ Church, Winchester, Leeds, Markham, St. Matthew's, Sterling, St. Andrew's, Ada, and St. Paul's-on-the-hill, Winchester that they may continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Metropolitan Richmond

For all universties, colleges, seminaries, trade, technical, graduate, and

professional schools; for the students, faculty, and staff of these institutions.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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