



GATHERING MUSIC *Please sign in the Friendship Binder and kindly silence phones.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Alison Schmied

CHORAL INTROIT *Change My Heart, O God* Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Meg Grant

Open your eyes! Christ is in this room!

**Open my eyes? But I'm tired!**

Open your ears! Christ is calling right now!

**What? Did somebody say something?**

Open your hearts! There are sisters and brothers who need you.

**Who, me? But I don't have any special talent.**

We are all the talented, gifted children of God.

Look; listen; love.

**I lift up my eyes and see God all around.**

\*OPENING PRAYER (responsive) Salina Barnett

O God, our Creator and Sustainer,

help us to become good stewards of all that you entrust to us.

**Enable us to recognize our giftedness**

**and to receive with gratitude our faith's treasures.**

Grant us full awareness of the treasure of your presence.

**Let us come to know our place in the continuing story of faith,**

**even as it gets told through our very lives.**

Grant us honest acceptance of the treasure of your grace.

**Let us realize how our faith is nourished and nurtured**

**by that which you freely give to us,**

**an amazing grace we can neither earn or control.**

Grant us a hearty appreciation for the treasure of your love.

**Let us acknowledge, in truth and in faith,**

**how love grows not by accumulating it but by giving it away.**

As persons who treasure the opportunity

to be servants and stewards in Christ's name,

**we offer this prayer in reverent gratitude**

**for all you have given us. Amen.**

HYMN *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* TFWS #2153

\*SHARING SIGNS OF CHRIST'S PEACE Hannah Schuetz

## Thanksgiving Basket Project

**40 needy families in Rochester  
are counting on Nazareth for Thanksgiving Dinner.**

*If your department, club, team, class, floor or other group can  
sponsor a family,  
contact Stephanie Preece at [spreece2@mail.naz.edu](mailto:spreece2@mail.naz.edu)*

### Collection box locations:

**Smyth 283 and Golisano 153  
...and Food for Fines with Campus Safety.**

### FOODS NEEDED:

Onions, potatoes, sweet potatoes, or squash  
Mashed Potatoes (instant)  
Canned vegetables  
Stuffing, Gravy (can, packet, etc...)  
Cranberry sauce and/or jelly  
Rolls  
Olives, Pickles  
Condensed Milk  
Brownie/cake/dessert mixes  
Piecrust (prepared or boxed)  
Drinks, Juice, water, Soda (optional)  
Pie Filling: apple, blueberry, pumpkin, cherry, etc...  
Bread mixes – zucchini, banana, cranberry, etc...  
Disposable pan, aluminum foil, cooking bag



### Also needed:

- **Volunteers to sort food** in the Chapel, 10am-4pm Thurs. 11/17.
- **Certified Drivers** to deliver food baskets, 8am-11am Fri. 11/18

Baskets will be distributed to families in need through  
**Dimitri House** ([www.dimitrihouse.org](http://www.dimitrihouse.org))  
Donations in addition to those needed for baskets will go to  
**Easter Seals of Rochester** ([www.easterseals.org](http://www.easterseals.org))

*Sponsored by the Center for Spirituality, Campus Safety,  
and the Nursing Department*

## Teddy Bear Tree Holiday Gift Collection

Make a HOLIDAY WISH come true!!

Each year Nazareth College partners with the Society for the Protection and Care of Children (SPCC) to collect holiday gifts for children and young families in need. The SPCC has many programs that help children affected by violence and domestic abuse. They also work with young parents who are struggling to complete their education, find sustaining jobs, and care for their little ones.

Now here's what you can do:

1) **Starting today** visit the TEDDY BEAR TREE found just past the Circulation Desk in the Lorette Wilmot Library and Media Center to adopt a TEDDY BEAR (Don't forget to leave your name, extension, and teddy bear number on the sign out sheet!!)

2) Each BEAR has holiday wishes from a local child, young mother, or young father in need. You may want to get together with some friends to fulfill the wish list.

3) Go shopping!

4) The most important step: Return your gift to the library Circulation Desk unwrapped no later than Monday, November 28th at 4p.m. with the TEDDY BEAR securely attached. **If you can return your gift earlier please do! (That helps us to keep things organized!)**

The gifts will then be delivered to the Society for the Protection and Care of Children, who will wrap and distribute them! Don't miss out on this chance to make a difference in a child's life or to help a young adult! We can guarantee you won't regret it! For more information about the SPCC, and their work in Rochester starting in 1875, look up the SPCC on the web at: [www.spcc-roch.org](http://www.spcc-roch.org).

If you have any questions, please contact Adam Lewandowski at [alewand8@naz.edu](mailto:alewand8@naz.edu) or Jennifer Rygiel at [jrygiel5@naz.edu](mailto:jrygiel5@naz.edu).



SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM *The Circle of Life* Choir

FIRST BIBLE READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NRSV) Norene Meyer

*Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters,  
you do not need to have anything written to you.  
For you yourselves know very well  
that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.  
When they say, "There is peace and security,"  
then sudden destruction will come upon them,  
as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!  
But you, beloved, are not in darkness,  
for that day to surprise you like a thief;  
for you are all children of light and children of the day;  
we are not of the night or of darkness.  
So then let us not fall asleep as others do,  
but let us keep awake and be sober;  
for those who sleep sleep at night,  
and those who are drunk get drunk at night.  
But since we belong to the day,  
let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love,  
and for a helmet the hope of salvation.  
For God has destined us not for wrath  
but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.  
Therefore encourage one another and build up each other,  
as indeed you are doing.*

SECOND BIBLE READING      Matthew 25:14-30 (NRSV)  
Carolynn Carneiro, Whitney Merritt, and Lindsay Walbridge

*[Jesus said,] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.*

*The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents.*

*In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.*

*But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.*

*After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'*

*And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.'*

*His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'*

*Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'*

*But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.*

*For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.*

*As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'*

\*HYMN      *Take My Life and Let It Be*      #399 UMH

MESSAGE      "Summoned, Given, and Entrusted"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)      Olivia Abbott

**We too often complain, O God, about the talents we don't have,  
instead of using the talents we do.**

**Release us from the voices  
that counsel us that we don't have enough:  
not enough time,  
not enough money,  
not enough talents,  
not enough friends,  
not enough self-confidence.**

**Forgive us when we don't value  
every precious gift we are given.**

**Reclaim us as your people,  
that we might truly live as children of light,  
and as servants of love.**

**In Christ's mercy, we pray.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Through Jesus Christ we have obtained access to the grace in which  
we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God.**

*(Please gather around the altar table for our closing hymn.)*

\*HYMN      *Let There be Peace on Earth*

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.**

**With God our Creator, children all are we.**

**Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now;  
with every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally;  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

\*SENDING FORTH      Larissa Mitchell

\*BENEDICTION