

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Worship Opportunities  
Sundays

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.

Mid-Week

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

### Patchogue Church of Christ Patchogue, NY 11772

A multi-racial community of believers with a purpose and vision to live holy lives, fulfill the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ by serving each other and our community with compassion, love and the powerful gospel of Jesus Christ.

Records you Made:	12/14	12/07
Bible Classes	37	33
Morning Worship	93	81
Contribution	\$1958	\$2082
Mid Week Bible Class—Wed.	27	29

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings. Ro 16:16

## Youth Corner

By  
Jamal Colson



### A Loud Voice

Luke 17:11-17

<sup>11</sup>Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and called out *in a loud voice*, “**Jesus, Master, have pity on us!**”<sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said, “Go, and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup>One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God *in a loud voice*.

<sup>16</sup>He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?” <sup>18</sup>Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

This scenario reminds me of a baby when it’s hungry. Even though he or she cannot talk, anyone who can hear the crying will think, “Someone needs to feed that baby.” The baby will scream and flail his arms, and carry on until he gets what he wants.

The scripture teaches us that the two lepers stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice “Jesus, Master, have pity on us.” I think we are like the ten men concerning the things we want God to do for us. We know how to make a loud voice concerning our needs, but notice not only did the one who went back do so to give thanks, he *also* praised God *in a loud voice!*

In conclusion, as you pour out your problems to God, remember, our faith can heal just like the ten men who had leprosy. Let us not be like the nine who only complained in a loud voice. Let us encourage each other to be the one that will both pour out our problems in a loud voice **and** come back praising God and giving thanks in a loud voice.

## THE GOSPEL TRUTH

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### The birth of Jesus our King

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him."

Our King made the simplest of entrances onto our planet. He was expected, his coming anticipated yet when he came he was rejected! From afar they came. They were 'Magi,' eastern philosophers or as some believed: "prophets in the kingdom of Saba and Arabia, who were of the posterity of Abraham by Keturah; and they taught in the name of God, what they had received in tradition from the mouth of Abraham." They were certainly wise because they came seeking Jesus Christ to worship Him; and that is true wisdom!

Their search however, exposed the spiritual darkness of Israel and humanity at that time. Whereas all Jerusalem ought to know of that great event it was not so; no one knew where the King was to be found. How sad! God had spoken beforehand but Israel neither listened nor believed.

Now, to the Shepherds He spoke by an Angel, to the Magi by a star, each had to follow the light they had. Today, we have the true and complete light, the New Testament Scriptures; failure to believe and follow its contents result in our spiritual darkness. Israel was meticulous in preserving the integrity and safety of the Holy Scriptures, but they were kept in the wrong place. They stored the Scriptures on shelves instead of in their hearts. Consequently, the birth of the King would have passed them by, had it not been for these "afar off" ones, who came asking, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews?"

Their inquiry got the interest of King Herod

who when he heard these things "was troubled." Herod, though evil, knew where to look when in need of right answers, "And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born" (Matt. 2:4). His inquiry of the Christ was to carry out the work of the Devil. He sought after Christ not to serve Him but to kill Him,.

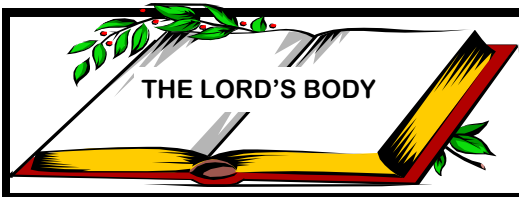
These Magi having found Jesus worshipped Him. Herod had sought to slay Him, but these men came to serve Him; Herod sought to put him down, but these men came to lift Him up; Herod saw Him as a rival king, but these men saw Him as the King of Kings.

They worshipped Him and they opened their treasures and gave Him gifts - gold, frankincense and myrrh. These were what they had, their free will offerings, "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not" (2 Cor. 8:12). Their gifts symbolized the tripartite work and mission of Christ. They offered him gold, as a king, frankincense, as God, and myrrh, as a man that should die.

God, King, Man. Jesus is all these and more. He is Sovereign Lord to be worshipped and served. He is King, our lawgiver, the ruler of our hearts and lives; we bow down to Him because He is worthy to be served. He is our intercessor and our only mediator, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man, Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 2:5). We thank God for those Magi.

They came seeking the King, they found Him, they worshipped Him and they blessed Him. Let us follow their example.

Lancelot W.



# The family by John Stallworth

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### Morning Service

**Song leader** Greg Watkins  
**Welcome/Prayer** 1002 Mike Salimbene  
**Song #**  
**Scripture –** Luke 2:8-14 JJ Stallworth  
**Song #** 999  
**Song #** 1001  
**Second Prayer** Ben Field  
**Song #** 1003  
**Lord's table and Collection:**  
**Lead** Jason Hofman  
**Assistant** John Scignano  
**Assistant** C. Hendrickson  
**Assistant** Greg Watkins  
**Song - Kids to class**  
**Song #** 5  
**Scripture -** Isaiah 7:10-16 Joe Cirnigliaro  
**Sermon** Lancelot Watson  
**Invitation #** 1018  
**Responses & prayer:**  
**Mike Salimbene**  
**Jamal Colson**  
**Announcements &**  
**Closing Prayer** Mike Salimbene  
**Closing Song #** 703

### The Gospel Truth

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“We don’t talk anymore.”  
 “I’ll text you.” We could be starting a dangerous habit. Our technology has provided an amazing forum for staying in contact with folks thousands of miles away. I can hit hundreds in a single click of a button. However, if we allow these tools to dictate our relationships with the people around us, we truly can get lost. Ever walk in a room with some youth and them sitting right next to each other and digitally chatting (texting or other). Amazing! I’m finding we adults are often doing the same thing. Ever get a text from your spouse in the next room. Ever fuss at your kids with at text. No more: “I’ll call you.” “Let’s do lunch.” “Why don’t you come over and we can talk?” OH NO, not my house. Whatever the reason, we’ve allowed our relationships to become shallow and cold. May I suggest we fight wave. We’re embarking on the holidays. Some suggestions for the next couple weeks to do with someone:

- Exchange numbers outside your clique.
  - Call instead of email or text.
  - Go to lunch.
  - Invite them to home.
  - Do some type of activity
- Look sometimes we don’t have time to talk. Sometimes we have to contact a crowd. Be honest with yourself: are you always too busy to talk? Maybe you’re too busy!  
*Philemon 1:6 I and I pray that the fellowship of your faith may become effective through the knowledge of every good thing which is in you for Christ's sake.*

Study the Greek word: **Koinonia**



LIVING IT OUT—  
 PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY  
 BY  
 BENJAMIN FIELD



Ladies' Corner  
 by  
 Paulette Watron

“You think your pain and your heartbreak are unprecedented in the history of the world, but then you read. It was books that taught me that the things that tormented me most were the very things that connected me with all the people who were alive, or who had ever been alive.” - James Baldwin

“Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.”

**Psalm 42:11**

“No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful...”

**1 Cor. 10:13**

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders....”

**Hebrews 12:1**

At the time of writing this little piece I am not feeling particularly Holy. I am not feeling particularly good emotions, state of mind, or self-control in word or deed that I should commit any of my thoughts to writing. I am not feeling very “spiritual,” free, or empowered to make my loftiest dreams or visions come true, and I am not feeling that events I perceive happening in my life are particularly working in my favor. If we talk with one another I will likely not make mention, and I will give typical social responses I know are expected and acceptable.

I am trying to remember that God's grace is not dependent upon my momentary state of thinking. I am thinking that perhaps this struggle is not so unique, and that our struggle perhaps binds us together, and connects us with everyone [in the bible who has gone before us in their own struggle.](#) Perhaps other circumstances would make us distant from each other and from God.

“...And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.”

**Micah 6:8**

For now... Micah reminds me that “Keep it simple, stupid” is probably a good default.

### Mary Visits Elizabeth

A beautiful friendship between Elizabeth and Mary is recorded in Luke 1:39-56. These women were sisters and friends because they shared a common bond. Both had experienced God’s power first hand in their lives. Both had accepted God’s plan for their lives. Both had surrendered their hearts and lives wholeheartedly to God and were willing to serve Him in whatever He asked of them. There was, therefore, a natural closeness between them. Their relationship with God pulled them together to draw sustenance from each other. There is much that we can learn from their friendship to practice in our own lives as they show us how to be sisters in Christ and friends.

Both women were proactive rather than passive in their friendship. Mary made the first move by visiting Elizabeth who responded by welcoming her and extending hospitality to her in her home for three months. As the older woman in the relationship, Elizabeth most likely shared teaching and counsel with Mary who was young enough to be her daughter. She told Mary how blessed she was, and acknowledged her faith in believing the Lord’s message. Mary’s creativity blossomed as she, in turn, poured out her heart and glorified God in a magnificent song of praise.

As sisters in Christ we have much in common and much to share: our faith, our surrender to God, our acceptance of God’s plan for our lives, love and understanding of each other, wisdom, respect, and joy. May God help each of us to have relationships that cause us, like Mary, to declare: “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior” (Luke 1: 46-47).

**PS:**

**(Ladies who would like to share words of encouragement are invited to submit short articles for the “Ladies’ Corner” - pauletwat@hotmail.com )**