

THE
MOODY
CHURCH

LOVED
BY JESUS
A STUDY THROUGH JOHN

November 22, 2020

WELCOME

Thanks so much for worshipping with us today! We're a family committed to knowing, loving, and serving Jesus. If there is any way we can serve you, let us know at info@moodychurch.org. If you have questions about our schedule, please check our [weekly calendar](#).

We consider it a privilege to pray for you. If you have a prayer request, please email prayer@moodychurch.org. If you would like to pray with a member of our Prayer Team after our morning or evening services, please call 312.319.1570. Above all, let's continue to trust God and to share the good news of Jesus.



Philip Miller
Senior Pastor

PASTOR TO PEOPLE

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4–7)

Rejoicing may be the last thing on our minds in these days of Covid-19. Like you, I'm concerned, frustrated, and grieving the accumulating losses. Yet it helps me to remember that the Apostle Paul wrote these words not from a place of freedom, hope, and prosperity, but from confinement and devastation. He wrote these words from prison, and his call was to rejoice—not in our circumstances, but in the Lord.

We may be in chains, but in the Lord we are free. We may be isolated, but in Him we have fellowship. We may be devastated, but in Him we are consoled. We may be grieving, but in Him we have hope. When we remember Whose we are, we are reminded who we are and remember to act accordingly: to be reasonable, non-anxious, thankful, and peaceful.

Neurobiologists tell us that in crisis, the brain shuts down its executive functions and slips into survival mode. In other words, we stop reasoning proactively and begin reacting for survival. What's fascinating is that counselors have found that the fastest way to "reboot" is actually gratitude. Taking just a few minutes to focus on appreciation, thankfulness, and rejoicing actually restarts our brain's executive functions and reignites our ability to navigate stressful situations.

Even though Paul didn't know the science, he knew the reality: under stress we forget to be grateful, anxiety steals our joy, and we take our eyes off the Lord. He also knew that thanksgiving increases our resilience, and that the fastest way back to health is through rejoicing in the Lord always.

So let me encourage you this week to rejoice in the Lord. Maybe sit down with your family for 10 minutes and simply write out a list of gratefulness, appreciating all that is ours in the Lord and rejoicing together in His blessings. Let's remember Whose we are, so we can remember—and act like—who we are.

You are loved, more than you know!

Pastor Philip

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Wednesday November 25 at 6:00pm

*Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
For His steadfast love endures forever.*
(Psalm 118:1)

We invite you to join us this Wednesday evening for our annual Thanksgiving Service. With music, prayer, and a Word from the Scriptures, this special gathering is an opportunity for our church family to express our thankfulness to God. Join us as we thank the Lord for His blessings!

Although this year we can't gather in person, we can still gather virtually, and we look forward to doing so. You can view the service on our YouTube channel, or register on our website to participate on Zoom.

Info: moodychurch.org/prayer-meeting



THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Our annual Thanksgiving Offering has traditionally been a time when we ask our church family to give an extra gift to invest in our church home. But this year, given God's great faithfulness to us throughout the challenges of 2020, it doesn't seem right to focus our attention inward.

Our theme this year is *Beyond These Doors*. We're turning our focus outward to bless six of our ministry partners that are doing incredible work in our city and around the world.

Throughout the rest of 2020, we're looking forward to sharing incredible stories about how these six ministries will use the funds raised through the Thanksgiving Offering to bless those in their care. This is an opportunity for us to show and share the love of Christ with "the least of these" in a year where the troubles have seemed overwhelming. Will you join us?

Info: moodychurch.org/thanksgiving-offering



ORDER OF SERVICE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Welcome Katherine Drescher

Scripture Reading from Psalm 100 1st Graders from TMC Kids

“He Has Made Me Glad”

“Doxology”

“Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)”

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Bill Bertsche

“My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness”

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow’r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
Whose ev’ry promise is enough for ev’ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev’ry thought is love.
For ev’ry day I have on earth is given by the King;
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

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Message Pastor Philip Miller

Song of Response

Benediction Pastor Philip Miller

Live Prayer Team Please dial 312.319.1570 for prayer after the conclusion of the service.

[Home Study Questions](#)

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SERMON NOTES

LOVED BY JESUS

The Protégé

[John 5:18-47](#)

Pastor Philip Miller

Jesus' résumé

His experience

- Apprentice
- Emissary
- Executor

His qualifications

- Resurrecting voice
- Inherent vitality
- Judicial authority

His references

- John the Baptizer
- Authenticating works
- God the Father
- The holy Scriptures
- The prophet Moses

Takeaways:

- Jesus is the only one really able to help us.
- If Jesus is for us, we have much to be thankful for.

STAY CONNECTED

The church is not a building—the church is the Body of Christ. Throughout this difficult year, praise God that The Moody Church has continued to worship together, study together, and fellowship together! Regardless of the physical limitations, there's a lot going on around here, and we want to be sure that you're staying connected and informed.



TMC NEWS

Sign up for TMC News

The best way to stay up-to-date is to sign up for TMC News. Our weekly email newsletters provide information about church operations and communicate vital updates from our leadership, and include a link to the Sunday bulletin and Pastor Philip's *Pastor to People* column. Signing up is easy and takes only a moment.

Info: moodychurch.org/tmcnews

SOCIAL MEDIA

Connect on Social Media

Our social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube) are a daily source of encouragement. Find Scripture verses, inspirational quotes, live-stream links, and more. Like our [Facebook page](#), follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), and subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#). You'll be blessed and refreshed!

CONTRIBUTIONS (General Church Fund)

	October	Fiscal Year
Income	\$407,657	\$ 763,837
Expense	573,269	\$1,020,890
Net	<u><u>-\$165,612</u></u>	<u><u>-\$ 257,053</u></u>

The General Fund provides for our day-to-day operations, including our regular weekly ministries, support for active and retired missionaries, and support for our local and global outreach efforts. As a reminder, our fiscal year began September 1. To give online visit moodychurch.org/give.

FELLOWSHIP FUND

This fund assists our church family with emergency housing, food, clothing, and medical needs. If you or someone you know are in need of assistance, please [contact Pastor McCarthy](#). He will bring requests for assistance to the Fellowship Committee for consideration. You can also give to the fund on Communion Sundays and/or designate "fellowship fund" on your offering envelope.

TODAY AT A GLANCE

8:30AM

[Christian Fellowship Community](#)
[Fourth Watch Community](#)
[Impact Community](#)
[Light & Life Community](#)
[Next Chapter Community](#)
[Sisters in Christ Women's Community](#)

10:00AM

[Sunday Morning Service](#)
[ASL Translation](#)
[Transmisión en Vivo en Español](#)

11:15AM

Q&A on [Live Stream](#) & [Facebook](#)
[Online Connection Center](#)

11:30AM

[Co-Laborers \(Adults with ID/DD\)](#)

11:30AM continued

[Apply the Message Community](#)
[Crossroads \(College & Early Career\)](#)
[In Focus Community](#)
[International Friends Community](#)
[Ministerio Hispano](#)
[Mosaic Community](#)
[YourMarriage YourFamily Community](#)

12:30PM

[Fusion Community](#)

2:30PM

[Veritas Community](#)

5:00PM

[Sunday Night Service](#)

TONIGHT

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Thankful

Pastor Michael Best

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 118:1

... give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thess. 5:18

Scripture is filled with exhortations to thankfulness. Giving thanks is an essential part of following Christ at all times—and this time in particular, with its fears and upheaval, should especially cause us to reflect on God's goodness to us and to respond with gratitude. Join us as we continue a three-week series challenging us to be thankful no matter the circumstances.

Info: moodychurch.org/sunday-night-service



Thankful

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY

[Women's Prayer Meeting](#), 7:00am

TUESDAY

[Women's Prayer Meeting](#), 7:00am

[Precept Class for Women](#), 9:30am

[Fusion Prayer Meeting](#), 7:30pm

[Mosaic Prayer Meeting](#), 8:30pm

WEDNESDAY

[Women's Prayer Meeting](#), 7:00am

[Thanksgiving Service](#), 6:00pm

[Thrive \(Junior High\)](#), 6:30pm

[Revolution \(High School\)](#), 6:30pm

[International Friends Bible Study](#), 6:30pm

[Beth Sar Shalom Bible Study](#), 7:00pm

[Reunión de Oración](#): 7:00pm

THURSDAY

Church closed for Thanksgiving holiday

FRIDAY

Church closed for Thanksgiving holiday

[Women's Prayer Meeting](#), 7:00am

SATURDAY

[Men's Praise & Prayer](#), 7:30am

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