



# Abney Street Church of God

.....*A Christ Centered Church*.....

Rev. Stephen E. Hewitt, Interim Pastor

**November 19, 2017**

*Spirit of abundance, help us live in gratitude each day, for you shower us with blessings and give us everything we need.*



CALL TO WORSHIP #257: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

PASTORAL WELCOME AND INVOCATION

HYMN #113: "Come Ye Thankful People, Come"

OUR WORSHIP IN GIVING

HYMN #346: "What a Friend We Have In Jesus" (v.1,3)

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN #621: "In My Heart There Rings a Melody"

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MESSAGE: Pastor Larry McCallister, Sr.  
*"A Memorial Stone for the Future"*  
*Joshua 4: 1-24*

HYMN OF INVITATION #402: "Just As I Am"

BENEDICTION

# Today God Is First

## PRAYERS OF THANKS

The Bible's close connection between prayer and praise caused 19<sup>th</sup> century preacher J.C. Ryle to proclaim, "I dare not call that true prayer in which thankfulness has no part." He points, for example, to Paul's words in Philippians 4:6 ("By prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God") and Colossians 4:2 ("Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful"), both NIV.

Whenever we speak to God, Ryle adds, thoughts of his mercy and the hope of heaven should be at the forefront of our minds. "Surely," he writes, "we should never open our lips in prayer without blessing God for that free grace by which we live, and for that loving kindness which endures forever."



*Good Morning! Children of light, we live in trust and joy, for God has destined us not for wrath but for salvation. Welcome!*

Nov 19-25, 2017



FUNDRAISER

**DEADLINE TO**

**ORDER IS TODAY**

*See Susie Backus to place your order*

## This week at our church

**WEDNESDAY**

**10:00 a.m.**

Ladies Prayer Meeting

**No Wednesday evening services**

**THURSDAY**



Happy Thanksgiving

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**NOVEMBER 29** – Hanging of the Greens

**DECEMBER 3** – First Sunday of Advent

**DECEMBER 6** – Advent service at St. Andrew UMC

**DECEMBER 9** – WCG Christmas Luncheon