Western Heights Baptist Church

Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Wednesday, November 25th, 2015

"...in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." -1Thessalonians 5:18

Prelude

Welcome to Our Guests

Opening Prayer

Congregational Hymn "Awesome God, Shout to the Lord"

Offertory Hymn "To God be the Glory"

Offertory Prayer

Special Music Anne Cizek

Scripture Philippians 4:10-20

Message Thankful Contentment

Invitation Hymn "Because He Lives"

Closing Hymn "Family of God"

Postlude

I don't think we need any motivation to be thankful to the Lord tonight. We are living in a world that is out of control and yet we can still have a peaceful moment to stop and thank the Lord for his blessings over the last year. In many places our brothers and sisters in Christ are forced to gather in secret. They are always faced with the prospect of being arrested, tortured, or even killed for their faith in Jesus Christ. There are so many dark places in this world that are in need of the light of Jesus Christ that many times it seems to be overwhelming. Yet we are blessed tonight to be able to worship Him freely and without fear. How could we not be thankful tonight?

In the midst of our thankfulness, I believe that it is important for us to remember our brothers and sisters that are not in peace tonight. We need to remember those who are running to the darkness and carrying the light of Jesus into the dark places of this world. They are not guaranteed safety and the reality is that some of them will give their lives as martyrs to their faith. So what can we do tonight? Obviously, we can pray for them. However, I want to challenge you to not only pray but give out of your abundant blessings tonight to help those in need. Every penny of the offering we take up tonight will go directly to missionaries in the field who are pushing back the darkness of evil with the love of Jesus Christ!

Our goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this year is $20,000 dollars. I hope and pray that as we give we will realize that we are not just supporting missionaries in the field. We are in reality supporting warriors in the trenches and our brothers in arms that are behind enemy lines fighting for the Spiritual freedom of those in bondage. So, as we enjoy a moment of peace tonight, let's show our thankfulness by giving to those with no peace that they too might know peace in Jesus.

Until He Comes,
Jonathan Dundalow
Galatians 6:9