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Thanksgiving Service
November 19, 2023
10:30 am

Prelude

Silent Prayer

Welcome & Announcements/Annual Congregational Meeting

*Opening Litany

L: We gather in the name of the Father, the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Oh Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth shall declare your praise.

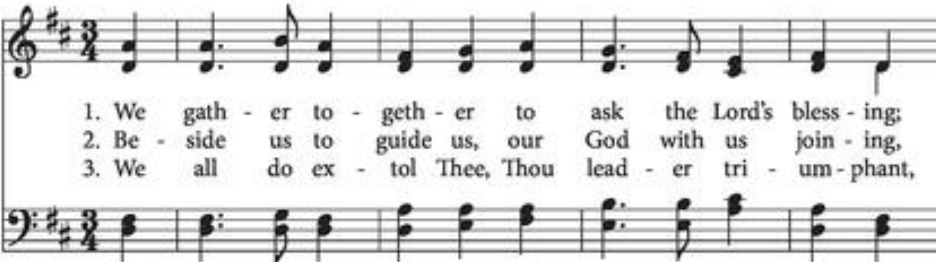
L: Hurry to deliver me,

C: come and help me, my Lord and my God.

L: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.**

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: **We Gather Together**



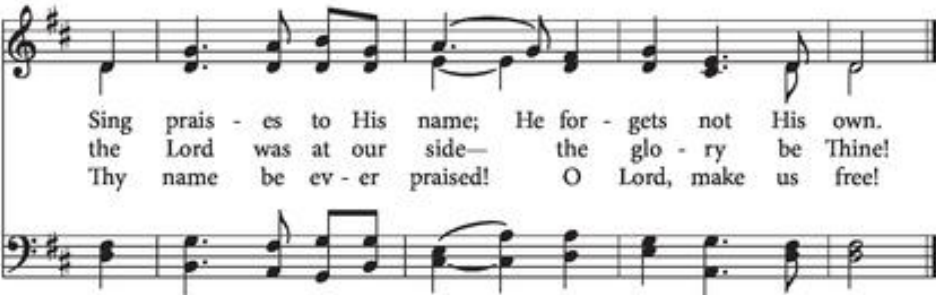
1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
3. We all do ex - tol Thee, Thou lead - er tri - um - phant,



He chas - tens and has - tens His will to make known;
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing His king - dom di - vine;
and pray that Thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.



the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing,
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
Let Thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;



Sing prais - es to His name; He for - gets not His own.
the Lord was at our side— the glo - ry be Thine!
Thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

*Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose mercies are new to us every morning, and who, though we have in no way deserved your goodness, has abundantly provided all our needs of body and soul: Give us, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we may wholly acknowledge your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Holy Scriptures

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 8:1-10

8 "The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. **2** And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. **3** And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. **4** Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. **5** Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. **6** So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. **7** For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, **8** a land of

wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰ And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: Philippians 4:6-20

⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰ I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ¹⁴ Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have

received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

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*Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

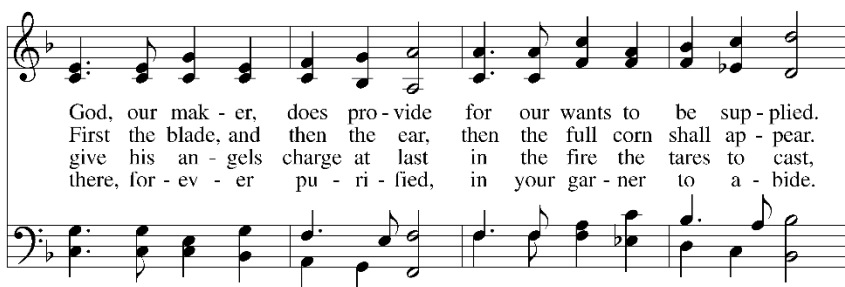
"A Life of Gratitude"



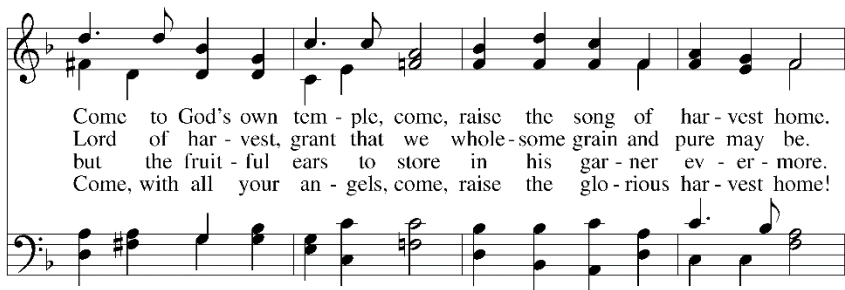
1 Come, you thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield.
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to your fi - nal har - vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 From his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way,
 Gath - er all your peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, does pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 Give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in your gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all your an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

*Prayers of the Church

L: Let us gather our hearts together as one and offer our prayers to God.

*The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Look at the World

Chancel Choir

*Offertory

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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*Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray. Holy God, you are the giver of all good gifts, and you provide and sustain our lives. Grant that we would be ever thankful, that filled with your goodness and mercy, we would be generous and loving to our neighbors. We pray this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

Results of the election for Church Council and closing of Congregational Meeting

*Benediction and Dismissal

L: May the God of light and truth lead you from this place,

C: be not far from me, O Lord, the rock of my salvation.

L: May the Savior of the world encourage us to follow the example of his great humility,

C: that we would be patient and long-suffering in our service.

L: May the Holy Spirit accompany and guide us,

C: and grant us peace at the closing of the day.

L Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

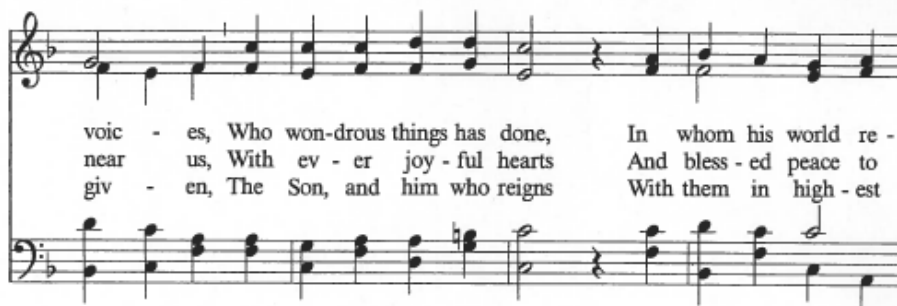
Amen.

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

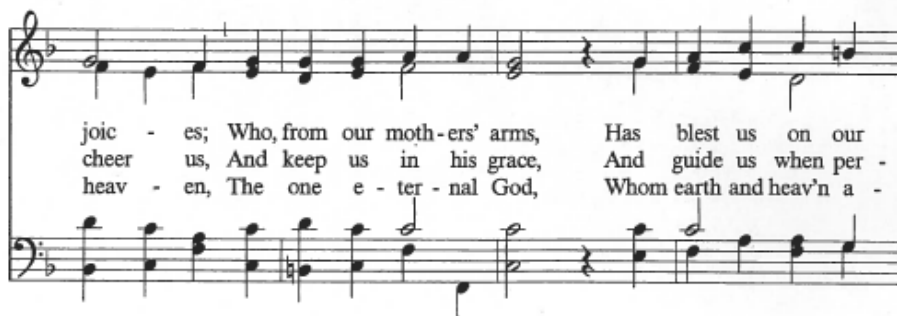
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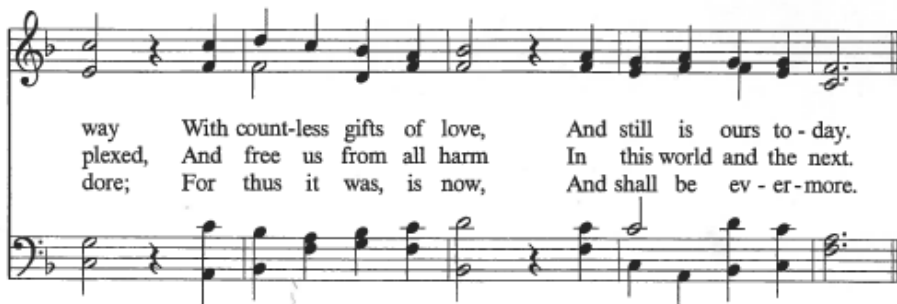
1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and
 2 Oh, may this boun - teous God Through all our life be
 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be



voic - es, Who won-drous things has done, In whom his world re -
 near us, With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to
 giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns With them in high - est



joic - es; Who, from our moth - ers' arms, Has blest us on our
 cheer us, And keep us in his grace, And guide us when per -
 heav - en, The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a -



way With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
 plexed, And free us from all harm In this world and the next.
 dore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

Postlude

Silent Prayer

(*Please stand)

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	9:30 am	Sunday school
	9:30 am	Christmas Play Practice
	10:30 am	Thanksgiving Service of Worship/Annual Congregational Meeting/Final Ballot for Church Council
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	1:00 pm	Piece Makers Meet
	6:00 pm	Bible Study (Gathering Room)
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Hand bell Choir Rehearsal
Thursday		HAPPY THANKSGIVING (Church Office Closed)
Next Sunday	9:30 am	Sunday school
	9:30 am	Christmas Play Practice
	10:30 am	Service of Holy Communion

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Sunday school – 25
10:30 Worship – 91

THE FLOWERS this morning are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for God's grace, by Paula White.

Next week – The Deron Bumgarner Family

IN OBSERVANCE of the Thanksgiving Holiday this Thursday, the Church office will be closed.

BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK –

Tuesday morning – 10:00 am – Colossians – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday evening – 6:00 pm – Apostles' Creed – Gathering Room

CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE will be held at 9:30 am this morning and next Sunday as well.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED next Tuesday, November 28 at 6:30 pm. Please come join members of the Chrismon Committee as we prepare our sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas Season. We always have a great deal of fun and fellowship. Don't worry, we can always find a job to "fit you". Light refreshments will be served after we finish. **Y'all please come!**

THE LOOSE OFFERING, this morning, will go to the Thanksgiving Box Meals. The loose offering, next Sunday, will also go to the box meals.

NEW JERUSALEM AND ST. MARTINS have hired a Director of Youth and Family Minister. Her name is Megan Gwaltney, and she will begin work on November 27, 2023.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held today during the 10:30 am Service of Worship. We will adopt a budget for 2024, elect four new council members, and discuss any other business that may be brought before the congregation.

TIME AND TALENT SHEETS are available in the Gathering Room. Please let us know how you plan to share your time and your talents in 2023 by filling out a sheet and turning it in to the office by Sunday, December 24.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2024 are available for pickup in the Gathering Room.

November 12, 2023	<i>Budget (Week)</i>	<i>Rec'd (Week)</i>	<i>Rec'd (Year)</i>	<i>+/- (Year)</i>
Current	\$4,249.53	\$5,023.00	\$216,740.22	\$21,261.92
Benevolence	\$654.72	\$777.00	\$32,000.00	\$1,883.02
Building	\$188.68	\$93.00	\$9,561.00	\$881.75
Sunday school		\$38.00		
Loose Offering – Thanksgiving Box Meals		\$160.00		

TELLER COMMITTEE – Alan Bolch, Garret Turbyfill

COUNCIL DESIGNATE – Alan Bolch

ALTAR COMMITTEE – Glenda Shook, Lisa Cook, Jenny Morgan, Julie Temple

USHERS – Shay Bollinger, Nick Helms, Ken Temple, Dennis Bollinger

ACOLYTE – Sandra Bollinger

PASTOR'S ASSISTANT – Betty Scipione

TAPE MINISTRY – Robert Hoyle

Next week – Robert Hoyle

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK – Maggie Rousey, John Lutz, Dennis Bollinger, Cathy Flechter, Carolyn Miller, Dan Wallace, Etta Mae Bollinger



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