

Thanksgiving Eve

November 22, 2023 at 7:00 PM

We welcome you to worship this evening. It is a privilege to have you as our guest.

As you join us today, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer.

Please turn off your cell phone and turn your hearts and minds toward God.

Prelude

Come Ye Disconsolate

Samuel Webb

Dr. Kenneth Dean, Jr. – Director of Music Ministries

Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.

Welcome

Call to Give Thanks

Psalms 92:1-4

- ¹ It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
² to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
³ to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
⁴ For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Invocation

Hymn No. 98

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun Danket

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven—
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Psalms of Thanksgiving (Responsive)

Psalms 111

- ¹ Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
² Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

³ **Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.**
⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.
⁵ **He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.**
⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.
⁷ **The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;**
⁸ they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
⁹ **He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.**
Holy and awesome is his name!
¹⁰ **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.**
(Unison) His praise endures forever!

The Thanksgivings of God's People

(The congregation is encouraged to share how God has blessed during this past year)

Hymn

There Is A Higher Throne

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There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
Believing hearts find promised grace; Salvation comes.

**Hear heaven's voices sing; Their thund'rous anthems ring
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies; Their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks and honor are to God,
Our King who reigns on high forevermore.**

And there we'll find our home; Our life before the throne.
We'll honor Him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; We'll reign with Him.

The Giving of Our Offerings to God

Offertory

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymnal #193 – Picardy
Mr. Jeffrey Soule - Bass

The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 731) and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalms 100

Pew Bible pg. 500

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
² Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
³ Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
 and his courts with praise!
 Give thanks to him; bless his name!
⁵ For the LORD is good;
 his steadfast love endures forever,
 and his faithfulness to all generations.

Scripture Meditation

“I Missed Thanksgiving”

Pastor Ceselsky

Scripture Meditation Outline can be found below.

Hymn No. 65

Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne

Park Street

Before Jehovah's awesome throne,
 all nations bow with sacred joy;
 Know that the Lord is God alone,
 he can create and he destroy—
 He can create, and he destroy.

His sovereign pow'r, without our aid,
 made us of dust and formed us men;
 And when like wand'ring sheep we strayed,
 he brought us to his fold again—
 He brought us to his fold again.

We'll crowd your gates with thankful songs,
 High as the heav'ns our voices raise;
 And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
 Shall fill your courts with sounding praise—
 Shall fill your courts with sounding praise.

Wide as the world is your command,
 Vast as eternity your love;
 Firm as a rock your truth must stand,
 When rolling years shall cease to move—
 When rolling years shall cease to move.

Benediction and Three-Fold Amen (**Hymnal, pg. 740**)

Danish

Postlude

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Sy Miller

Please be seated and quietly reflect upon the Lord's grace during the Postlude.

Announcements

Our Thanksgiving offering this year is going to the Mission to the World's Crates for Ukraine campaign to support our sister churches and brothers and sisters in Christ, suffering from this two-year long war.

The sign up book for Christmas poinsettias on the table in the narthex. The cost is \$10.00 this year. The deadline is SUNDAY, December 3rd. Put the money in a pink envelope and write your name and “Flowers” on the outside.

We will have a Christmas Eve service at 7:00 PM on Sunday, December 24th.

Scripture Meditation Notes

Date: November 22, 2023

Text: Psalm 100

Meditation Title: “I Missed Thanksgiving”

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Thanksgiving is the essential component of the Christian life.

Question 1: Who is to give thanks?

Question 2: Who are we to give thanks to?

Question 3: How are we to give thanks?

Answer 1: Serve the LORD with gladness.

Answer 2: Come into His presence with singing.

Question 4: Why are we to give thanks?

Answer 1: Who He is.

Answer 2: He has made us.

Answer 3: We are His.

Question 5: When are we to give thanks?

Question 6: How long are we to give thanks?