

Thanksgiving Eve

November 27, 2024 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

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Lemmel

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

Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.

Welcome

Call to Give Thanks

Psalm 9:9-11

⁹ The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

¹⁰ And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

¹¹ Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion!
Tell among the peoples his deeds!

Invocation

Hymn No. 6

O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

Tidings

O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Maker,
And all within me bless his holy name;
Bless thou the Lord, forget not all his mercies,
His pard'ning grace and saving love proclaim.

***Bless him forever, wondrous in might,
Bless him, his servants that in his will delight.***

Good is the Lord and full of kind compassion,
Most slow to anger, plenteous in love;
Rich is his grace to all that humbly seek him,
Boundless and endless as the heav'ns above.

His love is like a father's to his children,
Tender and kind to all who fear his name;
For well he knows our weakness and our frailty,
He knows that we are dust, he knows our frame.

We fade and die like flow'rs that grow in beauty,
like tender grass that soon will disappear;
but evermore the love of God is changeless,
still shown to those who look to him in fear.

High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed forever,
His kingdom rules o'er all from pole to pole;
Bless ye the Lord through all his wide dominion,
Bless his most holy name, O thou my soul.

Psalm of Thanksgiving (Responsive)

Psalm 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!

Hymn No. 165

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Lyons

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful name;
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still he is nigh—his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right,
All glory and pow'r, and wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels adore,
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

The Giving of Our Offerings to God

Offertory

Bless This House

May H. Brahe
Mr. David Brown – Soloist

Bless this house, O Lord we pray. Make it safe by night and day; Bless these walls, firm and stout, Keeping want and trouble out; Bless the roof and chimneys tall, Let Thy peace lie over all; Bless this door, that it may prove Ever open to joy and love. Bless these windows, shining bright, Letting in heavenly light; Bless the hearth ablazing there, smoke ascending like a prayer; bless the people here within, Keep them pure and free from sin; Bless us all that we may be Fit, O Lord, to dwell with Thee, bless us all that we one day May dwell, O Lord, with Thee.

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

Isaiah 12:4

Pew Bible pg. 576

And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the Lord,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

Scripture Meditation

“Missing Person”

Pastor Ceselsky

Scripture Meditation Outline can be found below.

The Thanksgivings of God's People

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

Hymn No. 48

O Lord Most High, with All My Heart

Rockingham Old

O Lord Most High, with all my heart your wondrous works I will proclaim;
I will be glad and give you thanks and sing the praises of your name.

The Lord, the everlasting King, is seated on his judgment throne;
The righteous Judge of all the world will make his perfect justice known.

Jehovah will a refuge prove, a refuge strong for all oppressed,
A safe retreat, where weary souls in troubled times may surely rest.

All they, O Lord, that know your name their confidence in you will place,
For you have ne'er forsaken them who earnestly have sought your face.

Sing praises to the Lord Most High, to him who does in Zion dwell;
Declare his mighty deeds abroad, his deeds among the nations tell.

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

Danish

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. Amen.

Postlude

Amazing Grace

John Newton

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 North America's Disaster Relief Ministry. Funds will be used for helping those impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

The sign up book for Christmas poinsettias is on the table in the narthex. The cost is \$10.00 this year. The deadline is SUNDAY, December 1st. 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 27, 2024

Text: Isaiah 12:4

Meditation Title: "Missing Person"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Thanksgiving must never be missing in the life of the child of God.

Point 1: Give thanks to the LORD.

Point 2: Call upon His name.

Point 3: Make known His deeds among the peoples.

Point 4: Proclaim that His name is exalted.