

**THANKSGIVING DAY**  
Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving  
November 23 & 24, 2016

**AS WE GATHER**

“It has long been the custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His many blessings and mercies to us.” These words written by President Woodrow Wilson for Thanksgiving one hundred years ago are just as timely now as they were then. We are a blessed people, and there is so much for which we can turn in praise and thanksgiving to God! As the Lord Jesus sets a Thanksgiving banquet before you today in His Word, join with your Christian family to turn and give Him thanks and praise for the saving work He does in your life. “Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!” (Psalm 118:1).

**WELCOME**

**HANDSHAKES & HUGS**

✠ PREPARATION ✠

**OPENING HYMN #809 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not:  
Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!**  
**Morning by morning new mercies I see;**  
**All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;**  
**Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

(Rise)

**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

Pastor: I will praise the name of God with a song;

**People: I will magnify Him with thanksgiving.**

Pastor: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

**People: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!**

Pastor: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

**People: and His faithfulness to all generations.**

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, and to bow before Him in thanksgiving, let us first confess before our holy God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We daily fall short of His glory. We can never purify ourselves from our sins. Together, as one family in Jesus Christ, let us seek our Father’s cleansing forgiveness. Together, we pray:

**People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: “Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!” Almighty God in His steadfast love for you has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE #806 “Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart”**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy one,  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.  
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy one,  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.  
And now let the weak say “I am strong.” Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, give thanks.

### **SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, your mercies are new every morning and you graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

### **✠ WORD ✠**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Deuteronomy 8:1–14* (We remember the many blessings of our God.) Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the Lord promised on oath to your forefathers. Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the Lord your God disciplines you. Observe the commands of the Lord your God, walking in his ways and revering him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land- a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills. When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your god, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

**EPISTLE** *Philippians 4:6–20*(God supplies our every need in Christ Jesus.) Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me-put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early day of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only: for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, and acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### **6:00 CHOIR ANTHEM**

*“Oh, Sing to the Lord”* John Leavitt

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 17:11–19* (Only one who is healed returns to Jesus in praise.) Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him-and he was a Samaritan. Jesus Asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Rise and go’ your faith has made you well.”

(Be seated)

**SERMON HYMN #892 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”**

Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest home.  
All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God’s own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God’s own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His harvest home,  
From His field shall in that day All offenses purge away,  
Give His angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come To Thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified, In Thy garner to abide;  
Come with all Thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home.

**SERMON “Let’s Remember and Never Forget” Deuteronomy 8:1-14**

(Rise)

**NICENE CREED** *(found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

(Be seated)

**OFFERING** As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*After each petition:*

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord,

**People: for His mercy endures forever.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever!**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN #785 “We Praise You, O God”**

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;  
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship You, God of our father, we bless You;  
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.  
When perils o’er take us, You will not forsake us,  
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer  
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.  
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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