



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 27, 2024 AT 7PM | THANKSGIVING EVE

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

(Philippians 4:6-7)

Prelude

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

* Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 113)

Let us praise the name of the Lord,

God is wonderful! Yesterday, today, and forever!

The Lord our God has done marvelous things,

We are blessed more than we could ever imagine.

For all the amazing gifts we have been given,

We praise the name of the Lord! Amen!

* Hymn #37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

* Passing the Peace

In thanksgiving for all God has done for us,

we share signs of Christ’s peace with one another.

Friends, the Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

* You are invited to stand as you are able.

(read in unison)

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

In God's hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are God's also.

The sea belongs to God, for God made it,

and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For the Lord is our God,

and we are the people of God's pasture

and the sheep of God's hand.

Solo

Thankful

by David Foster, Richard Page

Shawn McDonald, soloist

& Carole Bayer Sager

Personal Thanksgiving

Sean Eaton

Song of Response #367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (verse 1)*

Margaret Klammer

Song of Response #367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (verse 2)*

Gordon Beeman

Song of Response #367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (verse 3-4)*

Congregational Sharing

You are invited to express your thanksgiving by saying: "Thanks be to God for..."

Thanksgiving Litany

Give thanks to the Lord who is good.
God's love is everlasting.

Come, let us praise God joyfully.
**Let us come to God with
thanksgiving.**

*For the good world; for things great
and small, beautiful and wondrous;
for seen and unseen splendors;*
We thank you, Lord God.

*For human life; for talking and
moving and thinking together;
for common hopes and hardships
shared from birth until our dying;*
We thank you, Lord God.

*For our connections in relationship
with one another; for family and
friends, co-workers and neighbors,
companions on life's journey;*
We thank you, Lord God.

*For the young; for their high hopes;
for their new perspectives;
for their search for freedom;
for their expansive imaginations;*
We thank you, Lord God.

*For growing up and growing old;
for wisdom deepened by experience;
for rest in leisure; and for time made
precious by its passing;*
We thank you, Lord God.

*For your help in times of doubt and
sorrow; for comfort when we suffer in
body, mind, or spirit; for preserving
us in temptation and danger;*
We thank you, Lord God.

*For the church into which we have
been called; for the good news we
receive by Word and Sacrament;
for our life together in the Lord;*
We praise you, Lord God.

*For your Holy Spirit,
who guides our steps and brings us
gifts of faith and love; who prays in us
and prompts our grateful worship;*
We praise you, Lord God.

*Above all, O God,
for your Son Jesus Christ,
who lived and died
and lives again for our salvation;
for our hope in him;
and for the joy of serving him;*
**We thank and praise you,
Eternal God,
for all your goodness to us.**

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.
God's love is everlasting.

The Thanksgiving Offering

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Response #712 *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought, v.3*

**In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

Prayer of Dedication

The Bread Exchange

Suzanne Lange

Each individual or family is invited to come forward for a loaf of bread to take to their home, as a reminder of the gifts we share in Christ with and for one another. We encourage all to participate in this long-standing tradition!

* Hymn #644

*Give Thanks,
O Christian People*

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* Charge and Dedication

Postlude

*We warmly welcome you to this service of worship and thanksgiving.
Please ask an usher if you need special assistance.*

Remaining loaves of bread will be shared with Riverside Community Gathering.

Tonight's special offering has been dedicated to support hurricane and flood recovery efforts in the southeastern United States, through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. PDA works with Presbyteries and congregations in the affected areas to support long-term relief and recovery. Gifts given in person and online can be designated for this purpose as we respond to the needs of our neighbors.

*Please join us for worship this Sunday at 11:00 AM
as we celebrate the First Sunday in Advent.*