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November 20, 2016  
*Thanksgiving Sunday*



## A WORD ON WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.*

For many of us, Thanksgiving is our favorite holiday, yet a thankful heart often eludes us in daily life. As we prepare for worship, let us specifically count the blessings for which we should give thanks. The psalmist describes worship as entering into the Lord’s gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.

Remember the Apostle Paul’s probing question: “What do you have that you did not receive?” (I Corinthians 4:7b). If we regularly ask this of ourselves, it will produce in us a thankful spirit.

May the Lord cause us to see all that God is for us and all that God has done for us in our Lord Jesus Christ. As a result, may our hearts be filled with thankfulness.

### A Prayer of Preparation

*Most loving Father,  
whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things,  
to fear nothing but the loss of You,  
and to cast all our care on You who cares for us.  
Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties,  
that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us  
the light of that love, which is immortal,  
and which you have revealed to us in Your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## ENTER HIS COURTS WITH THANKSGIVING

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Now Thank We All Our God” . . . . . Michael Burkhardt  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

ORCHESTRAL PRELUDE: “This Is My Father’s World” . . . . . arr. Mack Wilberg

CHORAL PRAISE: “For the Fruit of All Creation” . . . . . Traditional Welsh Melody  
arr. Fred Pratt Green

*For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God;  
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth’s safekeeping, thanks be to God.*

In the just reward of labor, God’s will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God’s will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing, God’s will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;  
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

*Children’s, Youth, and Adult Choirs  
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Michael C. Davis

◆HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:  
No. 715 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” . . . . . ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

◆PRAYER OF ADORATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15

*Elizabeth Grace Sadow, born October 24, 2015, daughter of Emily and John Sadow  
Joshua Michael Presson, born September 5, 2014, son of Brittany and Chase Presson  
Jackson Owen Presson, born October 17, 2016, son of Brittany and Chase Presson*

11:00

*John Weston Vanderpool, born April 4, 2016, son of Emily and John Vanderpool  
Luke Allen Tucker, born June 25, 2016, son of Erica and Jason Tucker  
Eleanor Anne Bass, born September 15, 2016, daughter of Elizabeth and Jesse Bass  
George Thaddeus Fairey, born June 30, 2016, son of Anne and Chris Fairey  
Ava Madison Hodges, born January 24, 2016, daughter of Ashley and Patrick Hodges*

PARENTAL VOWS

Do you acknowledge your child’s need of the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God’s covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the sacred Scriptures, and that you will strive, by all the means that God provides you, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you undertake the responsibility to assist these parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: “Jesus Loves You” . . . . . JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;  
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!  
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.**

RECEIVE HIS PARDON WITH JOY

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, our heavenly Father,  
You are our creator, redeemer, and sustainer.  
Every good and perfect gift comes from You.  
Yet we confess that we have received Your gifts with a thankless heart  
and have doubted Your generous heart  
that delights to give what is good to Your children.  
We ask Your forgiveness for our thanklessness and unbelief,  
knowing that they are an affront and insult to You.  
Fill us anew with Your Holy Spirit  
so that He might rekindle a fire of thankfulness in our hearts.  
For we pray in the name of the One  
Who is Your indescribable gift, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*A special Thanksgiving offering will be received today for World Relief Malawi, Calvary Rescue Mission, and Memphis Union Mission. If you wish to participate, please mark your checks "for Thanksgiving Offering" or use the special Thanksgiving Offering envelopes in the pew racks.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "This Is the Day" ..... John Rutter  
*Text from Psalms 118, 148, 91 & 27*

This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
O praise the Lord of heav'n, praise Him in the height.

Praise Him, all ye angels of His: praise Him, all His host.  
Praise Him, sun and moon: praise Him, all ye stars and light.  
Let them praise the Name of the Lord.

For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.  
The Lord Himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand;  
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, neither the moon by night.  
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even He that shall keep thy soul.  
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in  
From this time forth for evermore.  
He shall defend thee under His wings.

Be strong, and He shall comfort thine heart,  
And put thou thy trust in the Lord.

✦DOXOLOGY ..... LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION .....D. Todd Erickson

EMBRACE HIS CALL TO HUMILITY

✦GREETINGS

INTRODUCTION OF YOUTH DIRECTOR KEVIN MCQUILLEN

SENIOR PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE ..... J. Robert Coleman

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON: I Peter 5:1-14 .....Ginni Fischer (8:15)  
*(page 1016 in the pew Bible)* Shayla Johnson (11:00)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** *(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)*

SERMON *Exalted Humility* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦SENDING HYMN: No. 98 “Now Thank We All Our God” . . . . . NUN DANKET

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Now Thank We All Our God” . . . . . J.S. Bach; arr. Fox

✦*Indicates congregation standing*

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## Sunday Night Worship

We gather each Sunday at 6:00 p.m. for a service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God’s Word. Currently, we are studying arguably the most famous section of Jesus’ teaching in the Gospel accounts, the Sermon on the Mount. In Matthew chapters 5-7, Jesus essentially introduces His “Kingdom manifesto” on what it means to be truly human, to be blessed, and to live as a follower of Christ. We invite you to worship with us.