



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

November 18, 2018
Thanksgiving Sunday



PREPARATION FOR 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!

ENTER HIS COURTS WITH THANKSGIVING

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" Charles Callahan
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "The Swan" Camille Saint-Saëns
Clay Hancock, violin

CHORAL INTROIT: "O God Beyond All Praising" THAXTED

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift You send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word,
We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

*Spirit and Song Children's Choir
Christy Young, director
Mary Lawrence Flinn, accompanist*

CALL TO WORSHIP Barton Kimbro

♠HYMN OF PRAISE:
No. 715 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

♠INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

♠PSALM OF THANKSGIVING: Psalm 92:1-5, 12-15 Grace Knight (8:15)
Blanche Tosh (11:00)

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

How great are your works, O Lord!
Your thoughts are very deep!

**The righteous flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**

They are planted in the house of the Lord;
they flourish in the courts of our God.

They still bear fruit in old age;
they are ever full of sap and green,
to declare that the Lord is upright;

he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

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

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 have murmured and complained against You.
We have failed to give thanks to You in all circumstances.
Empower us to cast off these and all other sins of our heart
knowing that they are an affront and insult to You.
Fill us anew with Your Holy Spirit
so that He might rest our hearts aflame for You,
for we pray in the name of the One Who is Your indescribable gift,
our Lord Jesus Christ.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON..... Psalm 130:3-4, 7

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.
O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

*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: "O Sing to the Lord a New Song!" Lloyd Larson

O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.
O sing to the Lord a new song! Come lift up your voice and sing!
O shout to the Lord, all the earth! Break forth into jubilant praise.
O shout to the Lord all the earth! Rejoice in His glory and grace!
Let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the rivers clap their hands.
Let the mountains sing together for joy! O sing to the Lord a new song.
My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation:
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I am clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth how can I keep from singing?
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth how can I keep from singing.
O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.
O sing to the Lord a new song!
Come lift up your voice and sing, come and sing a new song!

*The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director
Dee Walker, flute*

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.....Tim Russell

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15).....Lynn Erickson

EMBRACE HIS CALL WITH FAITHFULNESS

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(please stand)*

**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.**

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: "For the Fruit of All Creation" AR HYD Y NOS



1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3. For the har-vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God. For the
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done. In our
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God. For the



plow - ing, sow-ing, reap-ing si - lent growth while we are sleep-ing,
 world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair-ing,
 won - ders that as-tound us, for the truths that still con-found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep-ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har-vests we are shar-ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON..... Acts 21:27-22:21
(page 931 in the pew Bible)

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

SERMON *The Conversion and Apostleship of Saint Paul* George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 98 "Now Thank We All Our God" ... NUN DANKET

✠BENEDICTION (*please raise hands*)

✠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God" J.S. Bach, arr. Virgil Fox

✠Indicates congregation standing

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*Second Ringers: Jim Cantrell, Estelle Curtis, Hannah Crowley, Fred Flinn,
Mary Lawrence Flinn, Mimi Vestal, Beth Fischer*

The Conversion and Apostleship of Saint Paul

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I. When to Think About God's Faithfulness (Acts 21:27-40)

A. Falsely Accused (*vv. 27-30*)

B. Fiercely Attacked (*vv. 31-36*)

C. Falsely Associated (*vv. 37-40*)

II. How to Think About God's Faithfulness (Acts 22:1-21)

A. Conception (*vv. 1-5*)

B. Birth (*vv. 6-16*)

C. Life (*vv. 17-21*)

D. Identity