

THANKSGIVING
Day 
WORSHIP SERVICE

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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

November 24, 2016
10:00 a.m.



*Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church.
May our worship open our hearts to God's love,
our eyes to God's beauty, our minds to God's truth,
our will to God's service, and our bodies to God's will.*

WE GIVE THANKS

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.
Please silence your mobile device.*

PIANO PRELUDE: "For the Fruit of All Creation"arr. Frank Stoldt
Gabriel C. Statom, piano

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: "Give Thanks"Don Moen

**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"**
We give thanks.

CALL TO WORSHIP. Joshua D. Yates

♠HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 363 "We Gather Together"KREMSE

♠PSALTER LESSONPsalm 95:1-7

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
**For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.**
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
**The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.**
Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
**For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

♠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE.KREMSE

**We praise You, our Father, the mighty Creator;
We praise You, Lord Jesus, whose grace us has raised;
We praise You, dear Spirit, whose mercy is forever;
O Father, Son and Holy Ghost, ever be praised.**

♠PRAYER OF ADORATION

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

I will give thanks to You, O God, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to You among the nations.
I will give thanks to You with my whole heart
and recount all of Your wonderful deeds.

**We thank You, O Father, for calling us to faith in Christ,
for putting Your Spirit within us,
for giving us the mind of Christ,
and for gathering us into Your church.**

I give thanks to You, O Lord, for You are good;
Your steadfast love endures forever!
You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;
You are my God; and I will extol You.

**We thank You, Lord Jesus,
for living the life we should have lived,
for dying the death we should have died,
for enduring the hell we rightfully deserved,
and for rising to secure for us Your gift
of eternal life and unending relationship with God.**

I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
for You are my strength and my shield;
in You my heart trusts, and I am helped.

**We thank You, O Spirit, for You are the Lord and giver of life.
We give You thanks for removing from us
our hard hearts and giving us new hearts
to love, trust, serve and obey You.**

It is good to give thanks to You, O Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

and to make known Your deeds among the peoples! Amen.

♠HYMN OF GRATITUDE: No. 32 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING TO THE LORD

*Today's offering will benefit World Relief Malawi,
Calvary Rescue Mission, and Memphis Union Mission.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" . . arr. Paul Jones

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wonder'ing heart to Thee.
Prone to wander — Lord, I feel it — prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Ginger Statom, soloist

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE FAITHFULNESS

**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!**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 3:14-21
(page 977 in pew Bible)

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)

HOMILY *Thanks for Everything, Father* Ronald G. Sadlow

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 125 "Let All Things Now Living" . . . ASH GROVE

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE:

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" Piet Post/Statom

✦ *Indicates congregation standing*

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The paraments in the Sanctuary today have been changed to the red that we traditionally use for Thanksgiving. The beautiful pulpit Scarf and Bible Markers are the original paraments which graced our Sanctuary for all of its years until the time we began keeping the colors of the church year as it follows the life of Christ. They bear the letters IHS, Iota Eta Sigma, the first three letters in the name of Jesus written in Greek. It is particularly appropriate that as we celebrate a day of national thanksgiving, we remember the One from Whom all blessings flow, and that blessing for which we are most thankful: the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus through whom we receive grace, forgiveness, and eternal life.



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