



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### ORDER FOR WORSHIP THE 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 22, 2020

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*(BOLD indicates Read Together)*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDES

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* – Hopson

*Simple Gifts* – Lau

*Now Thank We All Our God* – Bach

### GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Lord be with you. And also with you.**

*~ Minute for Mission – PW Thank Offering (Jean Kretzing) ~*

*Give Thanks* – Smith

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Thank GOD! Call out his Name!

**Tell the whole world who he is and what he's done!**

Sing to him! Play songs for him!

**Broadcast all his wonders!**

Revel in his holy Name,

**God-seekers be jubilant!**

HYMN – “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

**Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest home:  
All is 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 God's 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 the harvest home;  
From each field shall in that day All offenses purge away;  
Give the angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store In God's garner evermore.**

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, our Creator,  
we confess that we sometimes forget about you;  
we forget to love you;  
we forget to help our neighbors;  
we forget to thank you for all that we have  
and all that we are.**

**Forgive us.**

**Grant us clear minds to know you,  
new hearts to love you,  
and strong hands to serve you.  
Help us to live this day, this week,  
and all our days so that our whole life  
is a thanksgiving to you. AMEN**

*(silent confession . . . .)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO PARDON – “Gloria Patri”

**Glorify be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN, AMEN.**

## PROCLAIMING

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Draw us close, Holy Spirit,  
as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed.  
Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts,  
and let all other words slip away.  
May there be one voice we hear today –  
the voice of truth and grace. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON – Deuteronomy 26:1-11

**<sup>1</sup> When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” <sup>4</sup> When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup> you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your**

**God. <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.**

(The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God!**)

SECOND LESSON – 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

**<sup>6</sup> The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” <sup>10</sup> He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup> for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup> Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, <sup>14</sup> while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!**

(The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God!**)

SERMON – “Give Thanks with a Joyful Heart” – Rev. Bill Beck

HYMN – “Now Thank We All Our God”

**Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers’ arms, Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in God’s grace, And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in highest heaven,  
To Father and to Son And Spirit now be given.  
The one eternal God, Whom heaven and earth adore,  
The God who was, and is, And shall be ever-more.**

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (traditional)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

## GIVING THANKS

OFFERING OURSELVES & PW THANK OFFERING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Lord God, our Creator,  
we joyfully present to you our tithes and offerings.  
We know that you own the cattle on a thousand hills  
and that the earth is yours in all of its fullness.  
We know that everything is at your disposal,  
and you are not dependent on us.  
Nevertheless, please receive this humble offering  
that we give with great delight.  
It is our desire to honor you out of our increase  
to show you reign in our hearts. AMEN**

## SENDING

HYMN – “Let All Things Now Living”

**Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving  
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and strayed us,  
By guiding us onto the end of our days.  
God’s banners are o’er us, Pure light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
Till shadows have vanished, All fearfulness banished,  
As forward we travel from light into Light.**

**By law God enforces. The stars in their courses,  
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,  
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing  
With glad adoration, a song let us raise:  
Will all things now living Unite in thanksgiving,  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE – “Amen”

POSTLUDE *Let All Things Now Living* – Behnke



**SERVING TODAY:**

**Reader:** Deb Ryerson

**Ushers:** Pastor Tony; Rita Beck; Rick Line; Fred Seltzer

**Vocalist:** Kari Kornish

**Camera:** Joe Shane

**Recorder:** Ray Thomas

**THIS WEEK, IN OUR PRAYERS:**

\* **for the church:** Dori Hjalmarson, Mission Worker, Honduras

\* **for the congregation (at random):** Joe & Pat Grabey; Tim, Tricia & Tess Naylor

**THIS WEEK, IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:**

**Wednesday, 7 PM:** VIRTUAL Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (donations to Project SHARE)

Sermon: "Giving Thanks in a Time of Trouble" (Joe Shane will share his grandfather's sermon from 50 years ago.)

Video will be downloadable at: [www.facebook.com/Carlisle-Area-Religious-Council-207133950193743](http://www.facebook.com/Carlisle-Area-Religious-Council-207133950193743)

**PASTOR TONY** will be out of the office this week, Monday thru Friday. If a pastoral need or prayer concern arises during that time, you may contact Rev. Bill Beck, (717) 385-0703.

**NEXT SUNDAY . . . . First Sunday of Advent. . . . November 29, 2020**

– **10:45 AM:** Worship, with Communion; special music by cellist Molly Shane

**NOTE:** Sunday morning worship continues to be recorded and posted on the church website, church Facebook page, and YouTube ("Sunday on the Square") for the convenience of those who cannot yet worship in-person.

To reserve a seat, please call 717-243-4612 on Wednesdays, beginning at 10 AM.



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