



# First Presbyterian

## CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God  
November 21, 2021  
Christ the King Sunday

*\*Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

### **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God (Hymn 555)

arr. J. S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Enter God's house with thanksgiving.

Enter God's house full of praise!

**We come to give thanks to God!**

Shout with joy for all life's gifts.

Sing praise for God's unending love!

Sounds of hope and love!

**We come to give thanks to God!**

Give thanks to God for the bounty and blessings of our lives!

**Let us worship God together!**

\*HYMN No. 555 (V.1-3)

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 evermore.

### **WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

#### PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

**Gracious Creator, you have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted, or as something to which we are entitled. You call us to live in caring community, but too often we place our wants and needs first, with those of others a distant second. You call us to share Your gifts with the world around us, but we are worried that there may not be enough, and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing.**

**For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts, for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom.**

*Silent Prayer*

**Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God, I say – in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

**And also with you!**

#### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

**Glory 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.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 100 (ESV)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

**Know that the Lord, he is God!**

**It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 12:1-6

SERMON

Thanksgiving

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

\*HYMN No. 552 (V. 1-4)

Give Thanks, O Christian People

Give thanks, O Christian people,  
For the workers of our day  
Who heed the call to service  
And make it their life's way  
To go to feed the hungry,  
To tend to those in need,  
To work for equal justice,  
Till all God's folk are freed.

Give thanks, O Christian people,  
For leaders of our years  
Who live to share with others  
Our joy when Christ appears,  
To teach the ones who seek light,  
To guide the faltering feet,  
To lead the followers forward  
Our living Lord to meet.

Give thanks, O Christian people,  
For all who love the Lord,  
Who live each day believing  
In God's eternal Word:  
To share Christ's love in living,  
To witness with each deed,  
To use the talents given  
To plant the gospel seed.

Give thanks, O Christian people,  
For life in fellowship  
With all who trust our Savior  
Their serving to equip  
To ease another's burdens,  
To cope in joy and stress,  
To magnify God's message  
And Christ's great love confess.

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

#### A LITURGY FOR THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,  
**So we lift our hearts up to you, God, in praise and thanksgiving.**

As we count our blessings, and acknowledge your goodness,  
**Our hearts go out to those who do not have, and who are in need.**

We thank you for plentiful harvests and full refrigerators  
**And ask that you supply the needs of those who are hungry.**

We thank you for jobs that provide for our families and supply the needs of our society,  
**And pray that you would care for those who have no work, or the dignity and purpose it brings.**

We thank you for opportunities and choices, for meaning and challenges,  
**And pray that you would give a sense of purpose to those who feel trapped.**

We thank you for family and friends who love us and care for us  
**And pray that you would befriend those who are alone.**

The abundance of the harvest is a symbol of the abundance of your love in our lives.  
**May we live in a spirit of gratitude to you and generosity to our neighbor.**

Loving God, in this season and all year long, give to us the gift of a thankful heart,  
**So that we may acknowledge you as the giver of all that is good in our lives.**

In the name of Jesus we ask it.  
**Amen.**

#### 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.**

MOMENT FOR GIVING

*The Psalms urge us to give thanks to God at all times, for everything God has provided. In gratitude, we offer to God a portion of what God has given to us. Please leave your offering in the plate in the back of the sanctuary or make your gifts online or via mail.*

\*RESPONSE

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

CHARGE

Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders us and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us with our eyes fixed on Christ.

BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May God's face shine with delight and look upon you with favor. And may you rest forever in God's peace.

ANTHEM

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;  
Unseen wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

Thanks Be to Thee

Handel

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Worship Leaders

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Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

The Chancel Choir

Pat Koefoed, Liturgist

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**Isaiah 12:1-6**

You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.