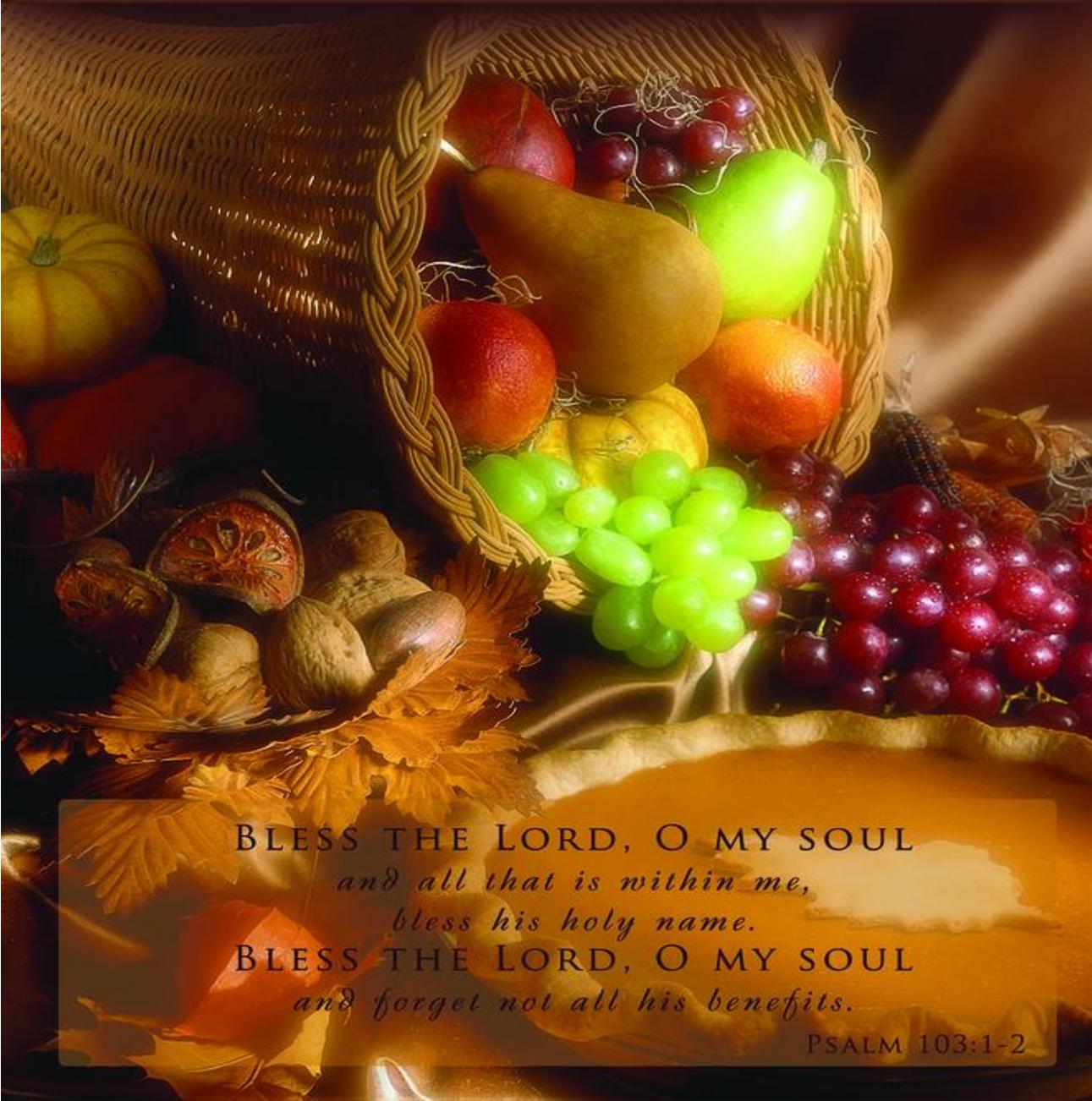


THANK YOU, LORD...  
*When we're empty you fill us...*  
*When we're hungry You feed us...*

# *We Are So Blessed*



BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL  
*and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.*  
BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL  
*and forget not all his benefits.*

PSALM 103:1-2

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

OUTER BANKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2015

4:00 PM

# ~ The Order of Service ~

☩ = Congregation Standing as able

## ~ We Gather Together as God's People ~

THE PIANO/ORGAN PRELUDE: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" .....arr. Joel Raney  
*Jason Evans & Steve Blackstock*

THE WELCOME..... The Rev. Jody Moore

☩ THE GATHERING SONG NO. 643: "Now Thank We All Our God" (*Verse 1*) . NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT  
*The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation*

**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.**

☩ THE CALL TO WORSHIP (*Spoken Responsively*) ..... The Rev. Fran Peel

ONE: Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

ALL: **Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.**

ONE: Praise be to God who provides for us.

ALL: **May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude by the ways  
in which we live and care for others.**

ONE: Hallelujah!

ALL: **Amen.**

☩ THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING .....George Lurie

☩ THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 336: "We Gather Together" .....KREMSER

THE CALL TO CONFESSION .....The Rev. Craig Peel

THE PRAYER OF HUMILITY (*Spoken in Unison*).....The Rev. Craig Peel

**Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only fragments of our lives. You had  
nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you  
with what remains after we have indulged our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust,  
our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to our call. In your abundant mercy  
teach us what it means to follow you, even at the cost of our lives. Amen.**

THE SILENT PRAYER OF HUMILITY

*Please take a few moments to offer your silent confessions to God.*

THE PRAYER RESPONSE: "I Surrender All" ..... SURRENDER

**All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give:  
may I ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.  
I surrender all! I surrender all!  
All to Thee, my Blessed Savior, I surrender all.**

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS .....The Rev. Craig Peel

☩ THE SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST (*Spoken responsively*) ..... The Rev. L. Spottswood Graves

ONE: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: **And also with you.**

~ THE WORD OF THE LORD ~

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION .....The Rev. Lorrie Ghering-Burick

THE SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 627: "I Love You, Lord" ..... I LOVE YOU, LORD

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 136: 1-14 .....The Rev. David Morris

*O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. O give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever; who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever; who spread out the earth on the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever; who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever; the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever; the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever; who struck Egypt through their firstborn, for his steadfast love endures forever; and brought Israel out from among them, for his steadfast love endures forever; with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, for his steadfast love endures forever; who divided the Red Sea in two, for his steadfast love endures forever; and made Israel pass through the midst of it, for his steadfast love endures forever;*

THE CHORAL ANTHEM: "Look at the World" .....John Rutter

*Praise to thee, O lord for all creation.  
Give us thankful hearts that we may see  
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,  
All things come of thee.*

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 1: 47-51.....The Rev. Keith Dey

*When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'*

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON .....The Rev. Lorrie Ghering-Burick

THE INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFERING OF GIFTS.....Heather Chavez

THE MEDITATION & OFFERTORY MUSIC: "A Thanksgiving Medley" ... The Rev. Nick Hodsdon

✠THE SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 647: "Give Thanks" (*Sung twice*) .....GIVE THANKS

**Give thanks with a grateful heart;  
Give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, the Son** (*Repeat*)

**And now let the weak say, "We are strong";  
Let the poor say, "We are rich"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us!** (*Repeat*)

**Give thanks, Give thanks.**

*(Repeat full song once)*

# ~ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ~

*The Rev. Keith Dey & The Rev. Jody Moore, Celebrants*

ONE: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

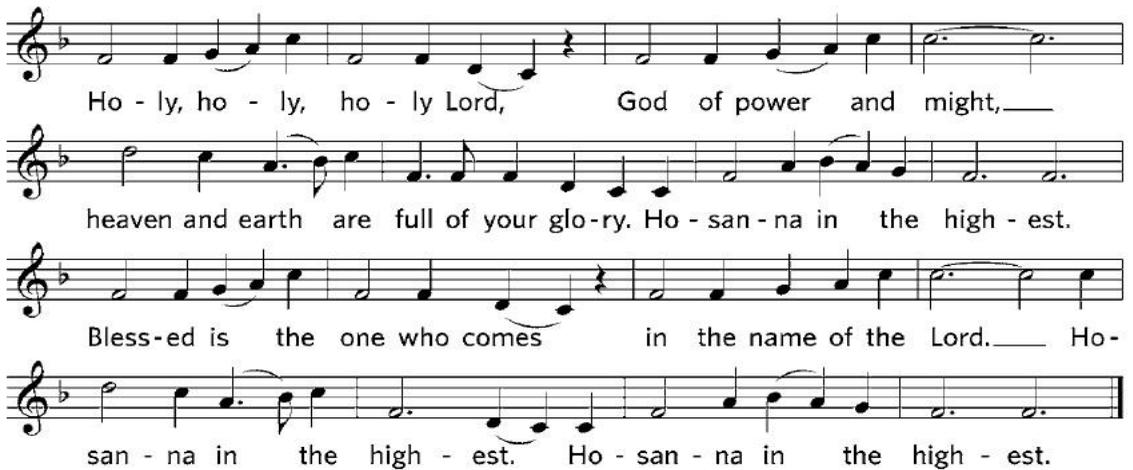
ONE: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

ONE: All glory and honor are yours always and everywhere,  
who called all things into life through Jesus Christ your eternal Word.  
We thank you for the fruits of our labor and for the harvest of this year.  
We thank you for keeping our lives in your loving-kindness.  
We join the choirs of angels and saints  
in singing with great joy the praise of your glory:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, —  
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

ONE: We give you thanks that our Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way Jesus took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

ONE: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**ALL: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

ONE: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

ONE: Now hear us Lord as we lift up joys and concerns, those that we speak and those that we keep in silence of our hearts, before this community and your holy presence.

ONE: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**~ The Explanation of Holy Communion ~**

*Communion will be served this evening from the front of the sanctuary. There will be two communion stations for those seated in the congregation – One on each side. Please go forward down the center aisle and return to your pew from the side aisle.*

*We offer communion by intinction.  
Dip the bread in the chalice as it is presented to you.*

When taking the bread say: This is the body of Christ given for you.  
When taking the cup say: This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

*Gluten Free wafers are available and placed on the trays. Also, there will be a third communion station for the choir located in the chancel.*

*For those of you who wish not to take communion, you are invited to come forward with your arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.*

✦ THE UNITY PRAYER (*Spoken in Unison*) ..... The Rev. L. Spottswood Graves

**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.**

**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**~ We Go Forth in Jesus' Name ~**

✦ THE HYMN OF SENDING NO. 37: "Let All Things Now Living" ..... ASH GROVE

✦ THE BENEDICTION ..... The Rev. Lorrie Ghering-Burick

THE CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Old Hundredth" ..... Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)

THE PIANO/ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Psalm XIX" ..... Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)  
*Steve Blackstock & Jason Evans*

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**Following this afternoon's worship service,  
all are invited to visit with one another over a cup  
of hot Apple Cider and Cookies in the Gathering Space!**

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**The Rev. Fran Peel**

*All Saints Episcopal Church Southern Shores (Ret.)*

**George Lurie, Lay Leader**

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~ **About the Offering** ~

*This afternoon's offering is going to support the Beach Food Pantry, the Mount Olivet Food Pantry and the Hatteras Food Bank. May we share our blessings with those in need through this offering.*



God's Word is filled with more than 100 verses about thanksgiving and gratitude. Here are a dozen of the most familiar ones for us to meditate upon as we approach our national day of Thanksgiving.

1. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. – *I Chronicles 16:34*
2. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. – *Psalms 100:4*
3. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. – *Psalms 118:21*
4. While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." – *Matthew 26:26-28*
5. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. – *Mark 6:41a*
6. The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. – *I Corinthians 15:56*
7. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. – *II Corinthians 4:15*
8. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! – *II Corinthians 9:15*
9. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. – *Philippians 4:6*
10. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. – *Colossians 3:17*
11. Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. – *I Thessalonians 5:16-18*
12. All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever. Amen!" – *Revelation 7: 11-12*



*Happy  
Thanksgiving*

