

Let us come
before his presence
with
Thanksgiving



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

OUTER BANKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2016

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
Cheryl Needham & Jason Evans

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

♠ THE GATHERING SONG NO. 336: "We Gather Together" (Verse 1) KREMSER
The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

♠ THE CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively based on Psalm 100*) The Rev. Spottswood Graves

ONE: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness;
Come into God's presence with singing.

**ALL: Know that the Lord is God, it is God that made us, we are God's people,
the sheep of his pasture.**

ONE: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, enter the courts with praise. Give thanks to God!

ALL: For the Lord is good, God's steadfast love endures to all generations.

♠ THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING George Lurie

♠ THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 643: "Now Thank We All Our God" ...NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

THE CALL TO CONFESSION The Rev. Keith Dey

THE PRAYER OF HUMILITY (*Spoken in Unison*) The Rev. Keith Dey

Gracious God, You give us an abundance of good things, richly to enjoy and use for your glory. Yet we have been anxious to hoard your gifts, and to acquire still more for ourselves. We have not trusted your promises, and have not sought your kingdom first. Forgive our ingratitude for all you have given, our fear that your provision will not be enough, and our failure to be generous with others, even as you have lavished generosity upon us. Bring to fullness in us the good fruit of your Spirit, that we would live in joyous faith, hope, and love; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF HUMILITY

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

THE PRAYER RESPONSE NO. 471: "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" HEAR MY PRAYER

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer.

O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me. (Repeat twice)

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS The Rev. Keith Dey

♠ THE SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST The Rev. L. Spottswood Graves

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

ALL: And also with you.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: "The Winds of Autumn" The Rev. Nick Hodsdon

**The winds of autumn blow the winds of clear September.
Streaming in the wind and whisking out the rainbows
We feel the wind clean and astringent winds of autumn blow.**

**The leaves are changing fast the leaves of pure October.
Turning in the wind the colors flash and tremble.
We're turning too, we're growing new as leaves are changing fast.**

**The cheer of harvest glows, the cheer of bright November.
Circles in the wind and ripens in the laughter
We ripen too, our fruit accrue as cheer of harvest glows.**

**O God, blow through our lives, and wash us with your wind song,
Turn us as leaves, make all our colors glowing,
Bring us to bear, free us to share the harvest of our lives.**

~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION The Rev. Tom Wilson

THE SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 701: "Lord, Prepare Me" (*Sung twice*) SANCTUARY

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Deuteronomy 26: 1-3, 8-11 George Lurie

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, 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. 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.'

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; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 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. 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 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: Philippians 4: 4-9 The Rev. Nick Hodsdon

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if

there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON The Rev. David Morris

THE INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFERING OF GIFTS..... Chaplain Cherri S. Wheeler

THE PIANO/ORGAN OFFERTORY: "Fairest Lord Jesus"arr. Hustad/Smith
Cheryl Needham & Jason Evans

✦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 PRAYER OF GRATITUDE The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

THE UNITY PRAYER The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

God of blessings; your goodness and grace is more profound than we can imagine or describe. Thank you for all the many ways you have blessed us. Send us forth to be a blessing in the world that you created and entrusted to our care. Amen

~ We Go Forth in Jesus' Name ~

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

✦THE BENEDICTION.....The Rev. Keith Dey

THE CHORAL BENEDICTION: "May the Lord, Gracious Lord"Unknown

**May the Lord, gracious Lord, bless and keep us forever.
Let us be more like thee in our every endeavor.
Holy Spirit, Eternal God, this we pray together.
May the Lord, gracious Lord, bless and keep us forever.**

THE PIANO/ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" arr. Al Travis
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!***

~Worship Service Participants ~

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

Outer Banks Presbyterian Church, Kill Devil Hills

The Rev. L. Spottswood Graves

Calvary Presbyterian Church, Swan Quarter

George Lurie, Lay Leader

Jewish Community of the Outer Banks

The Rev. Keith Dey

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Southern Shores

The Rev. Nick Hodsdon

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Outer Banks, Kitty Hawk

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Nonie Booth, Community Choir Director

Outer Banks Presbyterian Church, Kill Devil Hills

Jason Evans, Organist

Outer Banks Presbyterian Church, Kill Devil Hills

Cheryl Needham, Pianist

Accompanist, Outer Banks Chorus

Joint choirs from area Outer Banks Churches

~ *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*

