


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

THE FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNITY  
THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE  
OUTER BANKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017  
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. J. Raney  
*Jason Evans & Steve Blackstock*

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

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

♣ THE CALL TO WORSHIP (*Spoken Responsively from Psalm 104*) ..... The Rev. Craig Peel

LEADER: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, thou art very great! (Vs. 1)

PEOPLE: **You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate, to bring forth good from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart.** (Vs 14-15a)

LEADER: Oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart. (Vs. 15b)

PEOPLE: **All look to you, to give them their food in due season.** (Vs. 27)

LEADER: When thou you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. (Vs. 28)

PEOPLE: **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.** (Vs. 33)

♣ THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING ..... George Lurie

♣ THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 336: "We Gather Together" ..... KREMSE

THE CALL TO CONFESSION ..... The Rev. Keith Dey

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

**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 your 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 ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS ..... The Rev. Keith Dey

♣ THE SHARING OF THE PEACE..... The Rev. Fran Peel

ONE: The Shalom of God be with you all.

ALL: **And also with you.**

THE CHORAL ANTHEM: "All Good Gifts" .....arr. Joseph Martin

The treasures of life are gifts sent from heaven,  
blessings more precious than silver or gold.  
Family and friends, the laughter of children;  
these are the diamonds that fill us with hope.

All good gifts around us, come from heaven above.  
So, thank you, Lord, so, thank you, Lord,  
for all of the treasures of life, for all of your gifts of life.

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

The treasures of life are meant for the sharing.  
Blessed to be blessings, our cup overflows.  
And now is the time to celebrate harvest  
by giving to others and helping them grow.

All good gifts around us, come from heaven above.  
So, thank you, Lord, so, thank you, Lord,  
for all of the treasures of life, for all of your gifts of life.  
For all of your gifts of life.

~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION .....The Rev. Fran Peel

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

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Deuteronomy 8: 7-18..... George Lurie

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: "I Was Hungry" ..... The Rev. Nick Hodsdon

**(Solo)** A band of people were gathered one day to hear the words of their savior.  
He told them the road to salvation lay in caring for each other.

**(Choir)** Now I was thirsty you gave me drink, I was hungry and you fed me.  
I was in prison and you came to me. You thought of me as your brother.

**(Choir)** I was sick and you visited me, I was naked and you clothed me.  
I was a stranger and you welcomed me. You thought of me as your brother.

**(All)** Oh, when were you thirsty and we gave you to drink?  
And when were you hungry and we fed thee?  
And when a stranger and we welcomed thee?  
And when did we think thee our brother?

**(All)** Oh, when were you sick and we visited thee?  
And when were you naked, and we clothed thee?  
And when in prison did we come to thee?  
And when did we think thee our brother?

**(All)** Jesus said “When you do a deed to the least of these, my brothers,  
you do it to me, for your love is freed, as you care for one another.”

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 25: 31-40 ..... The Rev. Keith Dey**

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

**THE SERMON ..... The Rev. Tom Wilson**

**THE INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFERING OF GIFTS..... The Rev. Nick Hodsdon**

**THE PIANO/ORGAN OFFERTORY: “Give Thanks” ..... arr. M. Hayes  
*Jason Evans & Steve Blackstock***

**✦ THE SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 338: “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” (Vs. 1) ....MATERNA**

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!**

**THE PRAYER OF GRATITUDE & INTERCESSION..... The Rev. David Morris**

**THE UNITY PRAYER ..... The Rev. David Morris**

**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 God's Name ~

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

✦ THE BENEDICTION..... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

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: "To God Be the Glory" .....arr. C. Pardini

Steve Blackstock

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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!***

*The North Dare County Ministerial  
Association wishes you and your family  
the most blessed Thanksgiving!*



# ~Worship Service Participants ~

**The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore**

*Outer Banks Presbyterian Church, Kill Devil Hills*

**The Rev. Craig Peel**

*Retired PCUSA Pastor*

**George Lurie, Lay Leader**

*Jewish Community of the Outer Banks*

**The Rev. Keith Dey**

*Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Southern Shores*

**The Rev. Thomas Wilson**

*All Saints' Episcopal 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*

**Steve Blackstock, Organist**

*All Saints' Episcopal Church, Southern Shores*

**Jason Evans, Pianist**

*Outer Banks Presbyterian Church, Kill Devil Hills*

## ~ *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*

### ***Thanksgiving 2017***

Paid work done doesn't need a thank you  
but opportunity and skill to work does,  
praying thanks for chance given there is  
and gifted times to develop skill through.  
Thanksgiving is time accounting of gifts  
around we as, fellow gifts are counting,  
beyond number, growing and mounting,  
unencumbered by worth; beyond us shifts  
to giving of gifts as deep purpose of breath.  
Knowing we lose everything as time ends  
we practice giving ourselves away as friends  
to the one who gives us both birth and death.  
The outward forms of gifts will fade thereof,  
but behind all the gifts, undying lives a love.

- Fr. Tom Wilson