

Let us come
before his presence
with
Thanksgiving



**THE SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE
OUTER BANKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018
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 GO
The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

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

ONE: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the people!

ALL: May we serve the Lord with gladness.

ONE: Come into God's presence with singing and hopefulness.

ALL: We know that the Lord is good to us.

ONE: We are thankful for our Creator and for all our many blessings.

ALL: We come together to express our gratitude and appreciation for the abundant gifts that have been provided to us.

♣ THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING George Lurie

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

THE CALL TO CONFESSION The Rev. Charles Daly

THE PRAYER OF HUMILITY (*Spoken in Unison*) The Rev. Charles Daly

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. 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. Charles Daly

♣ THE SHARING OF THE PEACE The Rev. Robert Davenport

ONE: The Shalom of God be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

THE CHORAL ANTHEM: “Look at the World”John Rutter

Look at the world: Everything all around us: Look at the world: and marvel every day.
Look at the world: So many joys and wonders, So many miracles along our way.

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.

Look at the earth: Bringing forth fruit and flower; Look at the sky: The sunshine and the rain;
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, Valley and flowing river field and plain:

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.

Think of the spring, Think of the warmth of summer Bringing the harvest before the winters cold
Everything grows, everything has a season, til' it is gathered to the fathers fold:

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.

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the lord in token of his love;
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; His is the earth and his the heavens above:

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 Word of the Lord ~

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATIONThe Rev. Robert Davenport

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: Psalm 104:1, 14-16, 27-28, 33 George Lurie

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God thou art very great! Thou dost cause the grass to grow for the cattle and plants for us to cultivate that we may bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden our hearts, oil to make our faces shine, and bread to strengthen our hearts. The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon which God planted. All look to thee to give them their food in due season. When you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

THE MEDITATION ON THANKSGIVING HYMNS.....The Rev. Nick Hodsdon, Psaltery

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 6: 25-33..... The Rev. Nick Hodsdon

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they

grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SCRIPTURE IN SONG: “Go Watch a Bird!” The Rev. Nick Hodsdon

THE SERMON: “Don’t Worry, God’s Got Your Back!” Chaplain Cherri Wheeler

THE INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFERING OF GIFTS..... The Rev. David Morris

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. Spottswood Graves

THE UNITY PRAYER The Rev. Du Wayne Gibbs

**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

Jason Evans & Steve Blackstock

***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. Keith Dey

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Southern Shores

George Lurie, Lay Leader

Jewish Community of the Outer Banks

The Rev. Charles Daly

Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church

The Rev. Robert Davenport

Interim Pastor, All Saints Episcopal Church

The Rev. Nick Hodsdon

Ordained United Church of Christ Pastor, Retired

The Rev. Cherri Wheeler

US Military Chaplain, ret; Kitty Hawk Baptist Church

The Rev. David Morris

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Outer Banks

The Rev. L. Spottswood Graves

Calvary Presbyterian Church, Swan Quarter

The Rev. Du Wayne Gibbs

Father's Tabernacle

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

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*

A Thanksgiving Poem

Paul Laurence Dunbar

1872 - 1906

The sun hath shed its kindly light,
Our harvesting is gladly o'er
Our fields have felt no killing blight,
Our bins are filled with goodly store.

From pestilence, fire, flood, and sword
We have been spared by thy decree,
And now with humble hearts, O Lord,
We come to pay our thanks to thee.

We feel that had our merits been
The measure of thy gifts to us,
We erring children, born of sin,
Might not now be rejoicing thus.

No deed of our hath brought us grace;
When thou were nigh our sight was dull,
We hid in trembling from thy face,
But thou, O God, wert merciful.

Thy mighty hand o'er all the land
Hath still been open to bestow