

A Good Idea!

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord.” Psalm 92:1

Thanksgiving is an expression of faith in God as the Creator and Sustainer of the world.

In human society, to say “thank you” is just plain good manners. It is the accepted way to show appreciation for what is done for us and gratitude for what we receive. When we refuse this courtesy, we act as if we owned the services given us and the kindnesses shown to us, and owed nothing to those who bring them. We treat people as if they were beasts of burden working for us or as if they were mere machines performing mechanical functions. We deny them the recognition of their persons and personal worth. And so we insult them.

How much more should we thank God for the gifts he so generously showers upon us! He comes to us not as our fellow, but as a Father. His giving is an act of love and solicitous care. He comes, not as an earthly father, but as the Father of eternity. There is infinite condescension when he gives. He comes, though we have grievously sinned against him. There is indescribable mercy when he opens his hand.

When we take the fruit of the ground and the treasures of the earth, and do not think to stop and say “thank you” to God, do we not act like atheists? If the world is offended when our manners are bad, shall not God be indignant when we despise him? It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord. He created us, redeemed us, and ever sustains us. It honors him when we give him thanks. And it is for us a foundation of hope for new demonstrations of his goodness.

*Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.*

*Let them thank the
Lord for his steadfast
love,
for his wondrous
works to the children
of man!*

Psalm 107:21

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MORNING WORSHIP – 11:00 A.M.

THE LORD CALLS US TO HIMSELF

Salutation and Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise # 716

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise # 372

*“Praise Waits for Thee in Zion”***CONFESSION OF SIN AND THE LORD'S ASSURANCE**

The Law of God

Matthew 22:37-40

Confession of Sin (Congregation in Unison)

O most great, most just and gracious God; thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; but thou hast promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all that repent and believe in him. We confess that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused thy holy worship. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first thy kingdom. We have run into temptation; and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father! In thy Son is our salvation, in thy promises our hope.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 1:18 “Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

OFFERING OURSELVES IN THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Worship in Giving

Hymn of Thanksgiving # 160

“Shepherd of Tender Youth”

Worship in Prayer

Interlude

*Congregation Standing

We extend a cordial welcome to each visitor!

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THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*Hymn of Preparation # 598

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Sermon Text

Luke 22:47-53

Sermon

THE HOUR OF POWER

*Hymn of Response # 547

*“With Harps and with Viols”***THE LORD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSING**

*Gloria Patri (Praising our Gracious Lord)

734

*The Lord's Benediction

Announcements

Today, 12:30pm. Potluck luncheon following the morning worship service. All are welcome.

Today, Thank Offering 2024-*Rejoice in the Lord Always*. Each year the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church sets a Worldwide Outreach budget for the following year which represents the denomination's commitment to missionary and educational work. Each year the denomination has a Thank Offering to help meet that budget. If you wish to designate your gift for the Thank Offering, you may simply mark your check “Thank Offering.”

There will be no Tuesday Bible study this week. The Bible study will resume on Tuesday, December 3.

Sunday, December 1. We remember the Lord's death in the Communion service during morning worship. Our Communion service is open to those who have been, or are now, communicant members of an evangelical church. But those who are not communicant members of our Church are asked to meet with the elders of the Church before partaking of the Lord's Supper. It is required that they meet with the elders only once.