

Fincastle Presbyterian Church

Service for Thanksgiving Eve
November 25, 2020 – 5:00pm – Live Streaming



Prelude: "My inmost heart now raises"
"Now thank we all our God"

J.C. Bach
Kaufmann
Evelyn Renshaw, Organist

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship: Psalm 100:1,4&5 (unison)
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.... Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn: #381 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Call to Confession: (unison)
Trusting in God's promised mercies in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)
Almighty God,
In love you spread good gifts before us, more than we need or deserve. You feed, heal, teach, and save us. We confess that we always want more; that we never share as freely as you give. We resent what we lack and are jealous of neighbors. We misuse what you intend for joy. God, forgive our stubborn greed, and our destructiveness. In mercy, help us to take such pleasure in your goodness that we will always be thanking you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession: Amen

Kyrie: #823
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon: (unison)
If a person is in Christ, that person becomes a new person altogether – the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Friends, let us believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri: #805

Scripture Reading:
Luke 12:22-31

New Testament Reading

Litany of Thanksgiving:

O God, Creator and Lord and Giver of all life

For the beauty of the earth, for the birds that fly so effortlessly, for the wildlife that surrounds our homes, for the family and friends who enjoy it with us

We give you thanks.

For family, church family, and the entire family of believers in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit who lives in each and every one of us

We give you thanks.

For parents taking us to Sunday School as a child, and for life in the United States

We give you thanks.

For our wonderful family friends, our church community, a safe place to live; food, shelter, good health, access to medical care, and books

We give you thanks.

For opportunities to volunteer; a geographically beautiful area in which to live; prayers, the leadership of our church, and those many hands that are keeping our church going during this difficult time

We give you thanks.

For the health and the safety of our family; for the blessing of living where we do; and for having special and loving friends at Fincastle Presbyterian Church

We give you thanks.

For our loving, supportive family; for this church, as an integral part of our families' lives, where we have celebrated baptisms, honored unions of marriage, and eulogized our dearly deceased; and for this Church's congregation that has provided immeasurable spiritual comfort during times of illness and periods of crisis

We give you thanks.

(Unison) Thank God for this Church and all the blessings it bestows. Amen

Thank you to those who made contributions for this Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Kip & Lyn Burton, Joe Camper, Patsy Dickerson, Leigh Anne Martin, Ginnie & Paul Phillippe, & Sue Porter

A Thanksgiving Meditation:

The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D.Min

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

(unison)

Gracious God,

By your providence we live and work and join in families; and from your hand receive those things we need, gift on gift, all free. We thank you for the harvest of goodness you supply: for food and shelter, for words and gestures, for all our human friendships. Above all, we praise you for your Son, who came to show mercy, and who names us his own brothers and sisters. Glory to you for great kindness to us and all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn: #376

"We Gather Together"

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude: "Now thank we all our God"

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Announcements

Prayer Concerns: Laura Holt McCann, Jackie Ferrel, Family of Ruth Schaaf (Bev's Mother), Mary Lee Reese, Mary Black, Clyde & Nathalie Givens, Kaki Peaslee, Doug Ross, Dianne & John Poynor, Marilyn Koch (Lisa's Mother), Family of Janet Woolwine (Carolyn's Sister), Alexis Porter (Porter's Granddaughter), Molly Rose (Valerie Lucas's Cousin), Gwen Griffith, Gretchen Greiner, Family of Ann Whitehurst (Evelyn's Friend), Lisa Curlee (Sarah Bulmer's Sister), Phyllis Tenser, Marc Evans (Nephew of Peggy's Friend), Rebecca Cook (Evelyn's Cousin), Luke Waldrop (Father of Dr. Kathy Kerker), Michael Miracle (Kip & Lyn's Nephew), Family of Rosalie Schade (Mark Schade's Mom), Family of Mary Myers, Family of Holly Myers, Family of Roberta Meredith (Sue Porter's Sister)

Angel Tree 2020 will be done differently: We are taking donations which will be forwarded to the Social Services Christmas/Outreach fund. This fund will be used to buy gifts and provide food to families not adopted. They foresee a much bigger need this year. Donations can be made out to Fincastle Presbyterian Church with ANGEL TREE in the memo line and mailed to the church. We feel this is a safe and effective way to support this Christmas outreach. Thanks, Becky DesChamps, Ginnie Philippe and Verna Shuey.

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New Church Email Address: fincastlepresbyterianchurch@gmail.com

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Birthdays: Garland Jones 11/3, Nick DesChamps 11/12, Jim Porter 11/26

First Scripture Reading:

Luke 12:22-31

²² And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat, nor about your body, what you shall put on. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add a cubit to his span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass which is alive in the field today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O men of little faith! ²⁹ And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be of anxious mind. ³⁰ For all the nations of the world seek these things; and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things shall be yours as well.

Hymns:

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

1 Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin. God, our maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come to your final harvest home, gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified, in your presence to abide. Come, with all your angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

We Gather Together

1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known; the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing, sing praises to his name: he forgets not his own.

3 We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be; let thy congregation escape tribulation: thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!