

DIVINE WORSHIP

THANKSGIVING DAY

NOVEMBER 25, 2021
10:00 A.M.

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

(Psalm 100:4, ESV)

VOLUNTARY: *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. Timothy Shaw

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Mr. Josh Squires

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ **HYMN 115:** *All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

+ INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven;
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE CONFESSION OF FAITH:

The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**Congregation: That I am not my own,
but belong body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins
with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together
for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

+ **GLORIA PATRI** Henry Greatorex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

+ **HYMN 116:** *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING DAY OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* Healey Willan

Sing to the Lord of harvest,
Sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices
Your alleluias raise!

By Him the rolling seasons
In fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest
A song of happy love.

By Him the clouds drop fatness,
The deserts bloom and spring,
The hills leap up in gladness,
The valleys laugh and sing.

He filleth with His fullness,
All things with large increase;
He crowns the year with goodness,
With plenty, and with peace.

Heap on His sacred altar
The gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest,
The souls He died to save.

Your hearts lay down before Him
When at His feet ye fall,
And with your lives adore Him
Who gave His life for all.

Members of the Chancel Choir

+ **DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+ **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: II Corinthians 4:13-15

SERMON: Mr. Richard Mounce
“Grace, Glory, and Thanksgiving”

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

+ **HYMN 97:** *We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator* KREMSER

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Now Thank We All Our God* J. S. Bach

+ Congregation Standing.

Nurseries for infants, 1, 2, & 3 year-olds are provided in the Education Building.



II CORINTHIANS 4:13-15

¹³ Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴ knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵ For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

A PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favour; and whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me “to recommend to the people of the United States a day of publick thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these states to the service of that great and glorious being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks for his kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favourable interpositions of his providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favours which he has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also, that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in publick or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our national government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us); and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the third day of October, in the year of our Lord, 1789.

George Washington

WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to all who join us in our celebration of Thanksgiving Day.

ARP Thanksgiving Offering: Each year we take an offering at Thanksgiving to support the work of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. This year, our offering will go to the work of the American Bible Society, Christmas Benevolent Fund Ministry, Erskine Seminary, and Outreach North America. Please use the white envelopes available in the pews and designate “Thanksgiving offering.”

The cornucopia before the pulpit is given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Edwards, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Dickerson, and in appreciation of Charles and Mary Russell by Walter, Janie, Elizabeth, Trey, Lawson, Emmet, Katherine, and William.

WORSHIP AT FIRST

Things to consider

- ☞ **Thank you for turning off cell phones during the worship service.**
- ☞ **The Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask deacons for a receiver.**
- ☞ Nurseries for children to the age of four are provided in the Education Building.
- ☞ A quiet room with a live video feed of the service is available in the Education Building, Room 113. There, mothers may attend to the needs of their children.

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THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PRAISE THE LORD!
OH GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD,
FOR HIS STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER!
PSALM 106:1