

# Sunday Worship November 19, 2023 Draw near to God for God is waiting for you.

\* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able italic type is spoken by the liturgist – **bold is spoken by the congregation** 

## **PRELUDE**

# \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.

Praise be to God who provides for us.

May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude in our worship this day and every day.

# \*OPENING PRAYER

Lord of bounty and blessing, we come to you this day in gratitude for all that we have been given. We are grateful for the blessings and for the opportunities to be of service to others in your holy name. Bless each of us here, that we may become truly blessings to others. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

# \*HYMN #367 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, doth provide for our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.
- 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit in thankful praise to yield, wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown. First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear. Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.
- 3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home; from each field shall in that day all offenses purge away; give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast, but the fruitful ears to store in God's garner evermore.
- 4. Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home. Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there forever purified, in thy presence to abide: come, with all thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home!

## CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

O God, we know that we forget about you; we forget to love you; we forget to help our neighbors; we forget to thank you. Forgive us. Grant us clear minds to know you, new hearts to love you and strong hands to serve you. Help us live this day, this week, and always so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you. Amen.

# **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

## \*GLORIA PATRI

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. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Psalm 100

SPECIAL MUSIC

This Little Light of Mine Handbell Choir

arr. William E. Moats

# TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

# \*HYMN #37 Let All Things Now Living

- 1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.
- 2. By law God enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration, a song let us raise, till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Luke 17:11-19

**SERMON** How are you?

# CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP

## **OFFERTORY**

### \*DOXOLOGY

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

# \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Giving God, we give you thanks and praise for all of your gifts to us. We know that you are the source of every good thing, light and love come from you. You have created us, and you continue to breathe life into us through the power of Your Holy Spirit.

You have given us so much, and it is because we recognize the gifts you have given to us that we now give to the work of your kingdom. We now dedicate this offering to that work here on earth. May this collection be used wisely and diligently, that your love may be known widely. Amen.

# SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who is 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.

# \*HYMN #643 Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

- 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
- 3. All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given: the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

\*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

This week's carillon is in memory of Ruth C. Fawcett. Ruth lived in Buckingham Valley and was a faithful member of the church and wife of Jack Fawcett.

<u>GIFTS FOR DISABLED ADULTS:</u> Once again congregation members are invited to participate in giving gifts to disabled adults who receive services at Allies, Inc. A list of individuals and their "wish list" items is available in Fellowship Hall on the Christmas tree. Please sign out the gift. Gifts are to be wrapped including a gift tag with the name of the recipient. Please do not put the gift description on the tag. Gifts are to be brought to the church no later than December 10.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL REHEARSALS!: Calling all singers and stage hands of ALL ages and abilities! We are rehearsing Sundays after worship for about 30 minutes. Performance will be Sunday December 17th during service. Let the Season Begin!! Please join us.

**YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT:** We will meet at 6:30pm upstairs at Church. Movie night – we will complete the movie we were watching 2 weeks ago.

**PRAYER CIRCLE**: With so much unrest and uncertainty in our world, all are invited to join in prayer on Wednesdays at 11:45 in the sanctuary for a time to pray together for peace, strength, and guidance.

<u>CHRISTMAS POINTSETTIAS:</u> The Christmas season is approaching and we are ordering Poinsettias again this year. Please help us enhance our sanctuary with a Poinsettia plant for a \$15 donation. Forms can be found on the table as you enter the Sanctuary. Donations will be accepted no later than November 26.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Church office for your free ticket. Bring a friend!! All are welcome.

<u>FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:</u> This week we are asking for the following items: canned soup, stews, pasta, fish or meat. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

Calendar:	November 19	8:30 am	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
		10:00 am	Worship Service, followed by Sunday School
		11:00 am	Coffee Hour
		11:15 am	Christmas Musical Rehearsal
		6:30 pm	Youth Group
	November 20	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop Meeting
	November 21	5:00 pm	Stewardship Meeting
		7:00 pm	Property Meeting
	November 23	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	

**Today's Bell Choir:** Missi Dell'Orefice, Rachel Dell'Orefice, Courtney Woolslayer, Donna Jencks, Marge Deluca, Kara Holton, Sam Holton

Elder of the month: Donna Jencks
Ushers: Gerry and Louise Stemplewicz
Deacon of the month: Maggie Realley
Fellowship Hour Host: Emilie Cullerton

Sunday School Teacher: Ruth Squillace

# In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Alvin Cornell, Jim Turner, Violet Sanders, Mary Lou Humlhanz, David Posnett, Pat Pizza, Kara Holton



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