



Sunday Worship
November 24, 2024
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***

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you people!

With shouts of joy we celebrate the good news of God's love.

Open your hearts to the warmth of God's redeeming love.

God has poured such wonder into our lives!

Come, let us worship God with hearts and souls and voices!

Let our praise ring to the rafters and ascend to the heavens!

****OPENING PRAYER***

We give praise to you, O God, for you are awesome and amazing. We remember your deeds and faithfulness—deeds that have brought us to this day, faithfulness that has helped us weather life's storms. We have gone through fire and water, and stand before you today in gratitude and praise. As we worship this day, may we express our gratitude and receive your joy. Amen.

****HYMN #336 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.

2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

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!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

O God, so often we take you for granted. We take for granted that you will answer our prayers, that you will heal us and make us whole. We take for granted that you love us. Forgive us for not appreciating your grace and presence in our lives. Help us to be more thankful. Give us faith to see you in everything and everyone around us, so that we may be truly grateful. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

... 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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 17:11-19

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!

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

SERMON Joy in Thanks-giving

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Bill Hyndman

CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES OF COMMITMENT FOR 2025

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. With grateful and joyful hearts, we now dedicate this offering, including our pledges of commitment for the coming year, to your 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 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.

***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 24, 2024

This week's carillon is in memory of Addis Cosner. Addis was a member of the Forest Grove community.

WELCOME SUSAN LEWIS: who is our guest musician this week.

CHRISTMAS POINTSETTIAS: The Christmas season is approaching, and we are ordering Poinsettias again this year. For a \$15 donation, please help us enhance our sanctuary with a Poinsettia plant. Forms can be found on the table as you enter the Sanctuary. Donations will be accepted no later than November 25.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR ALLIES INDIVIDUALS: 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 on the Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall. 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 9. There will be requests for only one gift per person. This change is due to the large number who need gifts. Please consider supporting more than one individual.

ALL PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: This will be held on Wednesday, December 4 at 12 noon. Please contact the Church office at 215-794-8575 if you will be joining us. Family and friends are also invited.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: We will celebrate decorating our church on Sunday, December 8 following our worship service. Join us and help hang all the greens and decorate our Tree.

YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER FOR SUMMER MISSION TRIP: Come and make a Gingerbread House on December 8 following worship. The Youth Group will be traveling to West Virginia this summer to help rehab the homes of low income individuals and families. As they will be working on houses then, how about working on a "house" now for the holiday season. Gingerbread house kits will be provided along with decorating treats. You can make your own or get a Youth Group member to work with you. The group will also be providing a light lunch. There is a minimum donation for Gingerbread houses of \$25, lunch - \$10. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall if you plan to join in this seasonal fun!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: This week we are asking for the following items: Canned Soups, vegetables, and Fruit. Ready to eat prepackaged Jell-O and Puddings. Donations are to be placed in the wagon found in the vestibule.

This week's calendar of events:

November 24	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday school followed by Coffee Hour.
	4:00 pm	Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
November 25	9:30 am	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
	7:00 pm	Deacon Meeting on Zoom
November 26	7:00 pm	Session Meeting on Zoom
November 28		HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Elder of the month: Bob Propsner **Deacon of the month:** Missi Dell'Orefice
Ushers: Bill and Peggy Mellinger **Sunday School Teacher:** Karen Myers

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Marge and Jim Turner, Violet Sanders,
Mary Lou Humlhanz, Pat Pizza, Gail Shaffer, Doris Daniels, Sally Thiessen



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