



Sunday, November 22, 2020 Service – Online  
Faith Presbyterian Church  
Thanksgiving Service



**PRELUDE**    *“Panis Angelicus”* - Franck

**INTROIT**    *“We Gather Together”* - Beth Smith, Debi Godwin, George Wheat - Trio

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

**We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.**

God has done great things for us, filling us with grace.

**God fed our ancestors in the wilderness, God clothes us with hope.**

We will offer our hearts to God, always saying, ‘Thank you!’  
to the One who loves us.

**We will sing our praises, shouting of God’s presence in our lives.**

**OPENING HYMN**    *“Let All Things Now Living”* #37

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
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.*

*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!*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

Gracious God, we give thanks for the earth’s harvest  
that feeds our bodies and for your love which feeds our spirits.

When we forget to share, when we forget to give thanks,  
when we forget that you are with us,  
when we forget to care for others,

Remind us that we are called to another way  
so that all may have reason to celebrate and give thanks

Help us to care for one another and for all creation.

Help us to learn new ways of thanksgiving and thanks-living

For it is by the ways we live that we truly show our gratitude to you. Amen.

*(time for silent reflection)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

This is the good news: as God dresses creation in wonder, so you will be clothed in grace;  
As God pours out abundance upon the earth, so you will be blessed with peace and joy.

**We don't say it often enough, but thanks be to God for healing, for life, for wonder, for Mercy. We are blessed, for we are forgiven. Amen.**

**CHILDRENS TIME** - Debbie Wood

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** – Sonja Vander Meulen

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “*The Blessing*” - Brown, Carnes, Jobe, and Furtick  
Debi Godwin and Beth Smith, Duet

**SCRIPTURE – OLD TESTAMENT**

Joel 2:21-27

- <sup>21</sup> Do not fear, O soil;  
be glad and rejoice,  
for the LORD has done great things!
- <sup>22</sup> Do not fear, you animals of the field,  
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;  
the tree bears its fruit,  
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.
- <sup>23</sup> O children of Zion, be glad  
and rejoice in the LORD your God;  
for he has given the early rain<sup>[a]</sup> for your vindication,  
he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
the early and the later rain, as before.
- <sup>24</sup> The threshing floors shall be full of grain,  
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
- <sup>25</sup> I will repay you for the years  
that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
my great army, which I sent against you.
- <sup>26</sup> You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
and praise the name of the LORD your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you.  
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
- <sup>27</sup> You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.  
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

*Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.*

## SCRIPTURE - GOSPEL

Matthew 6:25-33

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

*Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.***

**SERMON**                    *“An Attitude of Gratitude”*

**RESPONSE**                **The Apostle’s Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **DEDICATION OF 2021 PLEDGES**

We dedicate our gifts to you, O God. Help us to use them to glorify you; to be vessels of your work in this world. We dedicate our pledges to you, O God. Guide our leaders as they prepare us financially for the upcoming year. Use us, O God, to do your work in this world. Encourage us to see that we are all ministers called into the Body of Christ. Use us in our service. We pray over these gifts, blessing them in the name of the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **DOXOLOGY**

**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.**

## **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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

**CLOSING HYMN**    *"Now Thank We All Our God"*    #643    Vs. 1 and 3

*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.*

*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

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**    *"Give Thanks"*    #647

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.  
And now let the weak say, "We are strong;"  
Let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
Give thanks. Give thanks.*

**POSTLUDE**    *"Pilgrim's Song"*    - Mendelssohn

## Participants:

The Reverend Renée Rico – Preacher  
Joy Church – Worship Leader  
Elders Beth Smith, Debi Godwin, George Wheat – Introit  
Elders Debi Godwin and Beth Smith – Special Music  
Elder Debbie Wood – Children's Time  
Janis Wheat – Piano and Organ  
Elder Paul Hay – Video/Tech  
Elder Judy Mayhew – Photo

## **ZOOM COFFEE HOUR**    *Happens at 11:15 a.m.*

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