



ARDMORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ardmore, Pennsylvania

Thanksgiving Eve Service

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 24, 2021

*Standing for those who are able.

People's response in bold type.

GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Let All Things Now Living

David Cherwien (1999)

The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WORDS OF HOSPITALITY

Rev. Jason Grimes

A PROCLAMATION BY PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN, OCTOBER 3, 1863

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Great God, you have been generous and marvelously kind. Give us such wonder, love, and gratitude that we may sing praises to you and joyfully honor your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 12)

Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and might; he has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations.

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

*HYMN 551

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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CALL TO CONFESSION (I John 1)

John reminds the church, "If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abundant love and mercy, forgive us in Christ Jesus. While afflicted with present difficulties, we forget your faithfulness to our ancestors. While troubled with today's worries, we doubt the promise of Easter. While stuck in a miry bog and the waters are about our necks, we can't see the promise of eternity. Help us

remember your faithful acts from the past as we rest upon the hope of a million tomorrows. Now, with clear vision through the grace of Christ, we are ready to give thanks in all circumstances. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (II Corinthians 4)

Hear these words of the Apostle Paul, “We know that the One who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.” Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (from Colossians 3)

“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.”

The peace of Christ be with you.

Peace be with you.

RESPONSE

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful Jacques Berthier

In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God, do not be a-
fraid. Lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In Unison)

Loving God, through your eternal Word, open our eyes, ears, and hearts once again to your grace so we might return thanks in word and deed. Amen.

FIRST READING, I Chronicles 16:28-36

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come before him. Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth. The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, “The LORD is king!” Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall the

trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

Say also: “Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and rescue us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise. Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.” Then all the people said “Amen!” and praised the LORD.

ANTHEM, Duet

Let All Things Now Living ASH GROVE (Welsh folk melody)

Kaitlyn Waterson, Soprano; Jim Longacre, Tenor

Let all things now living	By law God enforces;
A song of thanksgiving	The stars in their courses,
To God our Creator	The sun in its orbit
triumphantly raise;	obediently shine;
Who fashioned and made us,	The hills and the mountains,
Protected and stayed us,	The rivers and fountains,
By guiding us on to	The depths of the ocean
the end of our days.	proclaim God divine.
God’s banners are o’er us,	We, too, should be voicing
Pure light goes before us,	Our love and rejoicing
A pillar of fire shining	With glad adoration,
forth in the night;	a song let us raise:
Till shadows have vanished,	Till all things now living
All fearfulness banished,	Unite in thanksgiving,
As forward we travel	To God in the highest,
from light into Light.	hosanna and praise.

(Katherine K. Davis, 1939)

SECOND READING, I Corinthians 1:4-9

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIRD READING, John 11:38-44

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead

man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“Giving Thanks When It Stinks”

Rev. Jason Grimes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A Brief Statement of Faith)

In Gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN 559

We Gather Together

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THANKSGIVING LITANY (2019 Book of Common Prayer)

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us:

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,
We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and time to rest and worship,
We thank you, Lord.

For all who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
We thank you, Lord.

For all who earnestly seek after truth, and all who labor for justice,
We thank you, Lord.

For all that is good and gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image
of Christ,
We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ
Jesus our Lord;
**To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and
forever. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.**

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Now Thank We All Our God

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GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. Bach (1730), arr. Fox

*Please join us in worship this Sunday, November 28, at 10:30 a.m. as we celebrate the First
Sunday of Advent (Hope). We will also hold our Annual Congregational Meeting
immediately after the service. We hope to see you there!*



Join Us for APC'S Advent Family Afternoon

Sunday, December 12, 2021 from 3:30-5:00 p.m.
(or until fellowship around the campfire concludes)

Our musical program is *Child of My Heart* with Cherub, Children's, and Youth Choirs, as well as Youth Ringers and Adult Handbells. Following the musical program in the Sanctuary, we will move to Fellowship Hall for a craft and activity. At the conclusion of the event, please join us outside for a campfire, something warm to drink, and s'mores.

Masks are required.

We hope you will join us for this festive event.

CDs Needed for Advent Group Project

In preparation for a group project for Advent Family Afternoon, we are in need of any old CDs you could contribute for a "Star of Bethlehem" project. Please leave them in the front office before December 12. Thank you!



Poinsettia Dedications

Please contact the church office to dedicate a poinsettia (\$10 per plant) to a loved one or in commemoration of a special occasion.

The deadline for submission is **Monday, December 13.**

Christmas Cantata and Nativity Tableau

Our Christmas Cantata, which will consist of Corelli's *Christmas Cantata* and the Buxtehude *Magnificat*, will occur on Sunday, December 19 at 10:30 a.m. during worship. Our annual Nativity Tableau will also take place during this service.

We hope you will join us!





Lift your prayers this week for: APC Safety Task Force, Jody Brumbach, Children Suffering from Anxiety, Gren Foote, Our Church Family, Pastor Jason Grimes & Family, Joanne Poorman, World Leaders & Health Care Workers. Prayers for those suffering from Covid-19 and long term effects. Ongoing Prayers for: Kate Brooks, Jessie DiNome, Rosemary Fischer, Sandy Foote, Holly Frank, Twila Garletts, Claire Hammonds, Julie Patterson, Chris Rowe, Mary Schreiber, Kathy Toal. Prayers for those grieving the loss of someone they love. Friends/Family: John Beerbower, Austin Beltante, Jessica Benizio, Brooks Family, Elliott Family, Fischer Family, Dr. David Githii, Joyce Goetsch (Laura's Mother), Light It Up Green for Pediatric Cancer, Dilshani Grimes' Mother, Barbara Hayward, Howard Family, Michael James, Massey Family, Mary Scattergood, Schreiber Family, Marene Walden (Michelle Butera's Mother), Gloria Yeboah. Prayer for those in care facilities. Prayer for those in the military. APC mission partners: APC Preschool, Ardmore Food Pantry, Caring Hands Ministry (in India), First Place, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Kuwadzana Presbyterian Church (in Zimbabwe), Maternity Care Coalition, Medical Benevolence Foundation, Pre-Med Hospice Ministry, Teachers' Teammates, The Welcome Church, Welcoming the Stranger, and West Kensington Ministry.

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ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7 D

Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

George Job Elvey, 1859

1. Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest home;
 2. All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to God's praise to yield;
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take the har - vest home;
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har - vest home;

All is safe - ly gath - ered in, Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
 Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown;
 From each field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin;

God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied:
 First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear:
 Give the an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
 There for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy pres - ence to a - bide:

Come to God's own tem - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
 But the fruit - ful ears to store In God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

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KREMSEER 12.11.12.11

Netherlands folk hymn, 1625
 Trans. Theodore Baker, 1894

Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck, 1626
 Harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3. We all do ex - tol Thee, Thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

He chas - tens and has - tens His will to make known;
 Or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing His king - dom di - vine;
 And pray that Thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing,
 So from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let Thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to His name; He for - gets not His own.
 Thou, Lord, wast at our side; All glo - ry be Thine!
 Thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6

Martin Rinkart, c. 1636

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.
Stanza 3, *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985

Johann Crüger, 1648

Harm. adapt. *Lobegesang*, Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voic - es,
2. O may this boun - teous God Through all our life be near us,
3. All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in high - est heav - en,

Who won-drous things hath done, In whom this world re - joic - es;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us;
To Fa - ther and to Son And Spir - it now be giv - en.

Who, from our moth - ers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way
And keep us in God's grace, And guide us when per - plexed,
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom heaven and earth a - dore,

With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.
The God who was, and is, And shall be ev - er - more.