

Thanksgiving Service

Limestone Presbyterian Church

November 22, 2022 - 6:00 PM

As you gather, please use the paper on the pews to write things for which you are thankful. You will be invited to place your thanksgivings on the Communion table during the service. The papers will be collected after the service and used in the writing of a congregational Prayer of Thanksgiving that will be posted on the church website.

Prelude "Thanks Be to God" Rita Harmon

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 100)

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Many: Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

One: Know that the Lord is God.

Many: It is God who made us, and we are God's. We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.

Many: We give thanks to God; we bless God's name.

One: For the Lord is good;

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever and God's faithfulness is to all generations.

***Hymn # 559** "We Gather Together"

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

You are the God of abundance, provision, and plenty yet so many do not have enough, so many are burdened by far too much, so many squander what they have, so many do evil to get more. The "many" include us. Lord, have mercy. Forgive us when we enjoy the gifts but do not acknowledge the Giver. Help us choose collaboration over competition, gratitude over greed, rest over hustle, generosity over fear. Help us choose You and Your ways, always. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Hear these words of scripture: "If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Gloria Patri # 581** *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.*

{OVER PLEASE}

Evening 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.*

First Reading

Psalm 139:1-12

Second Reading

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Minister: The Word of God for us, the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

“About the Table”

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

Offering our Thanksgivings

You are invited to bring the paper on which you have written your thanksgivings
and place them on the Communion table.

Prayer of Dedication

***Affirmation of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 86

One: Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit
of our own, why then should we do good works?

**A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit
into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God
for all God's benefits, so that God may be praised through us, so that we may be
assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may
be won over to Christ.**

***Hymn # 551**

“Come Ye Thankful People, Come”

***Dismissal**

One: May Almighty God bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore.

**Many: Guide us waking, O Lord,
And guard us sleeping;
That awake we may watch with Christ,
And asleep rest in his peace.**

One: Bless the Lord.

Many: The Lord's name be praised.

Postlude

“Praise Him! Praise Him!” (McDonald)

Rita Harmon

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