



Thanksgiving Eve

Oh give thanks to the LORD,
for He is good;
for His steadfast
love endures forever!
1 CHRONICLES 16:34 (ESV)

Thanksgiving Eve 2024

A Reflection Before the Service

“I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought; and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.”

— G.K. Chesterton

“In normal life we hardly realize how much more we receive than we give, and life cannot be rich without such gratitude. It is so easy to overestimate the importance of our own achievements compared with what we owe to the help of others.”

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer,
Letters and Papers from Prison

“When we learn to read the story of Jesus and see it as the story of the love of God, doing for us what we could not do for ourselves—that insight produces, again and again, a sense of astonished gratitude which is very near the heart of authentic Christian experience.”

— N.T. Wright

Now Thank We All Our God

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call To Worship

The world is filled with the glory of God, and we say,

Thank you!

The hills and valleys are filled with color, and we say,

Thank you!

The vines and trees are filled with fruit, and we say,

Thank you!

Our tables are overflowing with food, and we say,

Thank you!

Our life is filled with love of family and friends, and we say,

Thank you!

We fill this house of God with our voices, saying,

Thank you!

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to you, O God,
as we enter into this service of thanksgiving and praise.

Prayer of Invocation (based on Psalm 65:1-13)

What mighty praise belongs to You, O God,
for Your acts of love and faithfulness toward us!

In Your mercy You hear our prayers, You forgive our sins,
You provide for our needs.

From one end of the earth to the other, You inspire worship and praise!
Even nature celebrates Your goodness.

We, too, would offer our praise and thanksgiving
for Your mercy and Your faithful love toward us.
Receive our adoration, our confession, our thanksgiving.

Through the power of Your Holy Spirit make Your presence known among us
that we may hear Your Word and know Your will.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.
Amen.

Songs of Praise

“Run to the Father”

Carnes, Maher, Jackson

I've carried a burden for too long on my own
I wasn't created to bear it alone
I hear Your invitation to let it all go
I see it now, I'm laying it down
And I know that I need You

**I run to the Father, I fall into grace
I'm done with the hiding no reason to wait
My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend
So I'll run to the Father again and again
And again and again**

Oh...oh...oh...

You saw my condition, had a plan from the start
Your Son for redemption, the price for my heart
I don't have a context for that kind of love
I don't understand, I can't comprehend
All I know is I need You

(CHORUS)

Oh...oh...again and again.
And again and again. Oh...oh...oh...

My heart has been in Your sights long before my first breath
Running into Your arms is running to life from death
I feel this rush deep in my chest; Your mercy is calling out
Just as I am You pull me in and I know I need You now

(Repeat)

I run to the Father, I fall into grace
I'm done with the hiding no reason to wait
My heart found a surgeon, my soul found a friend
So I'll run to the Father again and again
And again and again

Oh...oh...again and again.
Again and again. Oh...oh...oh...
Again and again

“Great Are You Lord”

Leonard, Ingram, Jordan

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore ev’ry heart that is broken.
And great are You Lord.

(repeat)

It’s Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It’s Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only.

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore ev’ry heart that is broken.
And great are You Lord.

It’s Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It’s Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You Lord.

(repeat x2)

It’s Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It’s Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only.

Scripture Reading - Psalm 126:1-6

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the Negeb! Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

Testimonies of Thanksgiving and Prayer

Testimony in Song

"Grateful"

Brown, Ntlele, Green, Furtick

This is the day that You have made, whatever comes I won't complain
For all my hope is in Your Name and now Your joy awaits my praise

(Chorus 1)

I give thanks for all You have done
And I will sing of Your mercy and Your love
Your love is unfailing; Lord I am grateful

When I was down You brought me out and set my feet on higher ground
So here I stand You are my God; Your faithfulness my solid rock

(Chorus 1 & 2)

(Chorus 2)

I give thanks for all You have done
I won't forget all the battles You have won
Your love is unfailing; Lord I am grateful

And as we lift our hands the heavens open, heavens open
So let our lives declare the love our God has spoken over us
(Repeat)

(Chorus 1 & 2)

The Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 8:1-10 (ESV)

"The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. ² And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³ And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴ Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶ So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰ And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Meditation

-Phil Letizia

Remember the Lord Your God

Hymn of Preparation

“Jesus Paid It All”

Hall/Grape/Nifong

I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small!
Child of weakness watch and pray find in Me thine all in all.”

Jesus paid it all. All to Him I owe

Sin had left a crimson stain He washed it white as snow

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow’r, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper’s spots and melt the heart of stone

(CHORUS)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayers for Those not Taking the Lord's Supper

St. Andrews Park Road Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive the Holy Communion with us. If you are unable to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying for my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Bread

The Cup

The Closing Hymn

“Jesus Paid It All”

Hall/Grape/Nifong

For nothing good have I whereby His grace to claim.
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

**Jesus paid it all. All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain He washed it white as snow**

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat
(CHORUS)

Sin had left a crimson stain. He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow. He washed it white as snow

O praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead **(Repeat)**

The Benediction



Looking back on 2024 we give thanks for the following
Park Road members who have gone on to be with the Lord.

Janice Stracke
Pam Sturman
Rob Walker
Evy Rossetti

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones.
Psalm 116:15

We invite you to join us for:

Sunday Worship Services

9:00 & 11:15 a.m.

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*Morning Worship Service*

*December 1, 2024 (One Service Only)*

*11:15 a.m.*

*with Sunday School 10:10 a.m.*

*Christmas Eve*

*Candlelight Worship Service*

*December 24, 2024*

*5:00 p.m.*

