

Grant Park Community Thanksgiving Eve Service



Participants:

Pastor Amy Smith (United Methodist Church)

Carol Larson (United Methodist Church)

Pastor John Veldhuizen (Sherburnville Christian Church)

Pastor Kyle Timmons (St. Peter's United Church of Christ)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 24th, 2021

Thanksgiving Eve

7:00 PM

* - In the way you are able, whether in body or in spirit, please rise.

Prelude

“With Thankfulness Unite” (*Edwards*)

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Kyle Timmons

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 100)

Pastor Amy Smith

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

People: **Worship the LORD with gladness; come into His presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is He that made us and we are His.

People: **We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.

People: **Give thanks to Him, bless His Name.**

Leader: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever.

People: **And His faithfulness to all generations.**

*Unison Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Amy Smith

You, O God, have provided all things, and we come to return our thanks to the earth and Your creation. We give thanks for the rivers and streams which supply water. We give thanks for all medicines which cure disease. We give thanks for the corn, the beans, and wheat, which give life. We give thanks for the bushes and trees which provide fruit. We give thanks for the wind which is stirring the air and making life pure. We give thanks for the moon and the stars which provide light when the sun is gone. We give thanks for the clouds which provide rain. Lastly, we give thanks for Your Great Spirit, in Whom is embodied all goodness, and Who directs all things for the good of His children. Amen.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” #721

Worshiping God with our Offerings Pastor Kyle Timmons

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory “Hymn of Thanksgiving” (*Kremser*)

*Doxology #34

Reading The Feast of 1621 Carol Larson

Hymn “We Gather Together” #81

Thanksgiving Pastoral Prayer Pastor Kyle Timmons

Concerns & Joys

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer in Unison

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Special Music “For the Fruit of All Creation” Pastor Kyle

Scripture 2 Cor. 9:6-15 & 1 Thess. 5:16-18 John Veldhuizen

Message “The Three Pointer” Pastor Kyle

Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession & Blessing

Responsive Song of Praise “One Bread, One Body” #529

Participation in the Lord’s Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Closing Hymn**

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

#722

***Responsive Spoken Benediction**

(Words provided below)

***Benediction in Song**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

#614

***Postlude (Depart to Serve)**

“Come, Ye Thankful People” (*Windsor*)

A Benediction – 17th Century Puritan Sermon

Leader: Please be gentle with yourself and others.

People: We are all children of chance,

Leader: And none can say why some fields blossom

People: While others lay brown beneath the harvest sun.

Leader: Take hope that your season will come. Share the joy of those who’s season is at hand.

People: Care for those around you.

Leader: Look past your differences; their dreams are no less than yours,
Their choice in life, no more easily made.

People: And give.

Leader: Give in any way you can. Give in every way you can.
Give whatever you possess. Give from your heart.

People: To give is to love. To withhold is to wither.

Leader: Care less for the size of your harvest than for how it is shared,
and your life will have meaning and your heart will have peace.
In Christ, Amen.

II Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever.”^[a]

¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us, your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

¹² This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people, but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴ And in their prayers for you, their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

Church Pancake Breakfast Sunday, December 19th



All are welcome to join us for a pancake breakfast from 8 am to 10 am on Sunday, December 19th.

The breakfast will be served by the youth Fusion group and all proceeds will go towards the Youth program.



We will be collecting toys for the “Toys for Tots” organization starting now until December 4th. The office is open 8am to 11am Monday through Friday to drop them off. We will also have a specially marked box to drop them off outside of the church (as long as it isn’t raining/snowing). Thank you for your generosity.