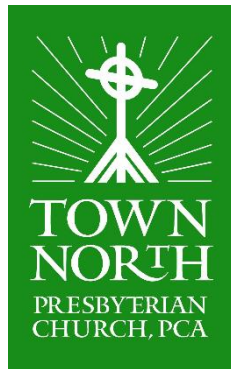


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making disciples of Jesus.*



Thanksgiving Eve
WORSHIP

November 25, 2020 • 6:00 P.M.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 100 (NIV)

PASTOR: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

PEOPLE: **Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

PASTOR: Know that the LORD is God.

PEOPLE: **It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

PASTOR: Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;

PEOPLE: **give thanks to him and praise his name.**

PASTOR: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

PEOPLE: **his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Prayer

Hymn of Praise

Hymn 4 (vv.1-6)

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills.
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made his gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning dawn or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
within the kingdom of his might, lo, all is just and all is right.
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O, hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank him, thank our God, with me.
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not his flock, his chosen generation;
he is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand he leads his own, his chosen band.
To God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's power proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
All idols under foot be trod, the Lord is God! the Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;
to your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:
though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well.
To God all praise and glory!

Testimonies of Thanksgiving

Message

Pastor Andrew Cies

“This Is the Will of God in Christ Jesus for You”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Song of Reflection

Ensemble

My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

My heart is filled with thankfulness
to him who bore my pain;
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
and gave me life again;
who crushed my curse of sinfulness
and clothed me in his light,
and wrote his law of righteousness
with pow’r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
to him who walks beside;
who floods my weaknesses with strength
and causes fears to fly;
whose ev’ry promise is enough
for ev’ry step I take,
sustaining me with arms of love
and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
to him who reigns above,
whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
whose ev’ry thought is love.
For ev’ry day I have on earth
is given by the King;
so I will give my life, my all,
to love and follow him.

Season of Prayer

A time for you to give thanks to God

Closing Hymn

*Hymn 457 (vv.1-3)
& additional verse*

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—
prone to leave the God I love:
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

O that Day when freed from sinning,
I shall see thy lovely Face;
Clothed then in blood-washed Linen
How I'll sing thy sovereign grace;
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,
Take my ransom'd Soul away;
Send thine Angels now to carry
Me to realms of endless Day.

Benediction

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

**¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**

THANKSGIVING

(From *The Godly Man's Picture* by Thomas Watson, published 1666)

And as a godly man expresses thankfulness in every duty, he does so in every condition. He will be thankful in adversity as well as prosperity: "In everything give thanks" (1 Thess. 5:18). A gracious soul is thankful and rejoices that he is drawn nearer to God, though it be by the cords of affliction. When it goes well with him, he praises God's mercy; when it goes badly with him, he magnifies God's justice. When God has a rod in his hand, a godly man will have a psalm in his mouth. The devil's smiting of Job was like striking a musical instrument; he sounded forth praise: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised" (Job 1:21). When God's spiritual plants are cut and bleed, they drop thankfulness; the saints' tears cannot drown their praises.

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