

# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Jesus says: My peace I give to you. Do not be afraid. I call you my friend. Abide in my love. Follow me. You are my witness. I am hungry, give me food. I am in prison, come to me. I am thirsty, give me drink. I am a stranger, welcome me. I am naked, clothe me. I am sick, visit me. Abide in me and I in you. Ask and it will be given you. Seek and you will find. Know and the door will be opened. I will give you rest. You are the light of the world. You are the salt of the earth. Love others as I have loved you. The truth will make you free. Feed my sheep. Watch and pray. I am with you always. Amen.

Thanksgiving Eve | November 21, 2018 7:00 p.m.

————— **THE APPROACH TO GOD** —————

**Carillon Prelude** ..... David W. Johnson, carillonneur

**Prelude**

Air from the Bolling Manuscript .....composer unknown

*Meditation*.....Florence Price

Timothy Short, organist

**Call To Worship** — Service of The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

+ **Opening Hymn (see insert)**

*Beautiful Savior*

Crusaders' Hymn

**Invocation - The Great Thanksgiving** (unison)

Rev. Zachary O. Wilson

**We do indeed praise you, eternal God, for out of your thought  
you spoke the world into spinning beauty. After scooping together a little earth,  
you animated humans with your heart's breath. Your glory shines forth,  
and out of the soil comes abundant harvest: wheat whirling in winds' delight,  
grapes clinging to the Vine. You rain down your compassion and feed us with mercy. Amen**

**Welcome**

————— **THE WORD OF GOD** —————

**First Lesson**

Psalm 42 (OT, p.515 in pew Bible)

Minster: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

**Anthem**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful* .....arr. John Rutter

The Scholars; Sofia Ardanan, director

## Second Lesson

John 12:1-8 (NT, p. 106 in pew Bible)

Minster: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

## Meditation — Dinner with Friends

Rev. Julia A. Carlson

*"You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."*

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

### + Hymn 220

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell* .....Old Hundredth

### + Affirmation of Faith — The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: In the fullness of time, you yourself came forth in Jesus and creation rejoiced as its redemption drew near. Oceans danced with the light of the moon, mountains murmured delight, trees trembled in praise, flowers burst forth in song. Wolves howled in harmony, and sheep kicked up their heels.

**All: Blessed are you, O Lord, Jesus, born a poor boy, a nobody, yet very God of very God. Out of your plenty, you enter our want, and out of salvation's health, you heal our disease. Out of the fullness of your divinity you trample the demonic dominion of death. In the midst of human lack, you make a feast. Before the breaking of your body you sat at table with your followers and broke bread saying, "Take, eat. This is my body for you." You celebrated with wine the cup of divine goodness overflowing with salvation's joy, saying, "Take, drink. The cup of the new covenant poured out in my blood." With thanksgiving for your providence in Christ, we keep these mysteries, proclaiming the faith in all we do.**

### Offering of Food and Funds

*(Please bring forward your food shelf items after the offering plate has passed through. Please come forward using the center aisle and return to your pews by the side aisle.)*

### Offertory Anthem

*Stay with Us* ..... Egil Hovland

The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Director

+ **Sung Offertory Response**..... (Hymn 555) Nun danket alle Gott

**Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in who this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mother’s arms, hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

+ **Offertory Prayer — The Great Thanksgiving** (unison)

**Move once more, O Holy Spirit, across us, the face of your new creation in Christ,  
that with the cup of salvation your blood may course through our lives  
and with the bread of life we may be your body in ministry to the world.  
Use us as instruments of your work of salvation that others may join our song of thanksgiving,  
not just this day at this season but every day at every time.  
Through Christ, in Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
may all honor and glory and dominion be yours, now and forevermore.**

+ **Closing Hymn 414**

*As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*.....Forest Green

+ **Benediction**

**Postlude**

Toccata.....Daniel Gawthrop

+ Stand as you are able

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