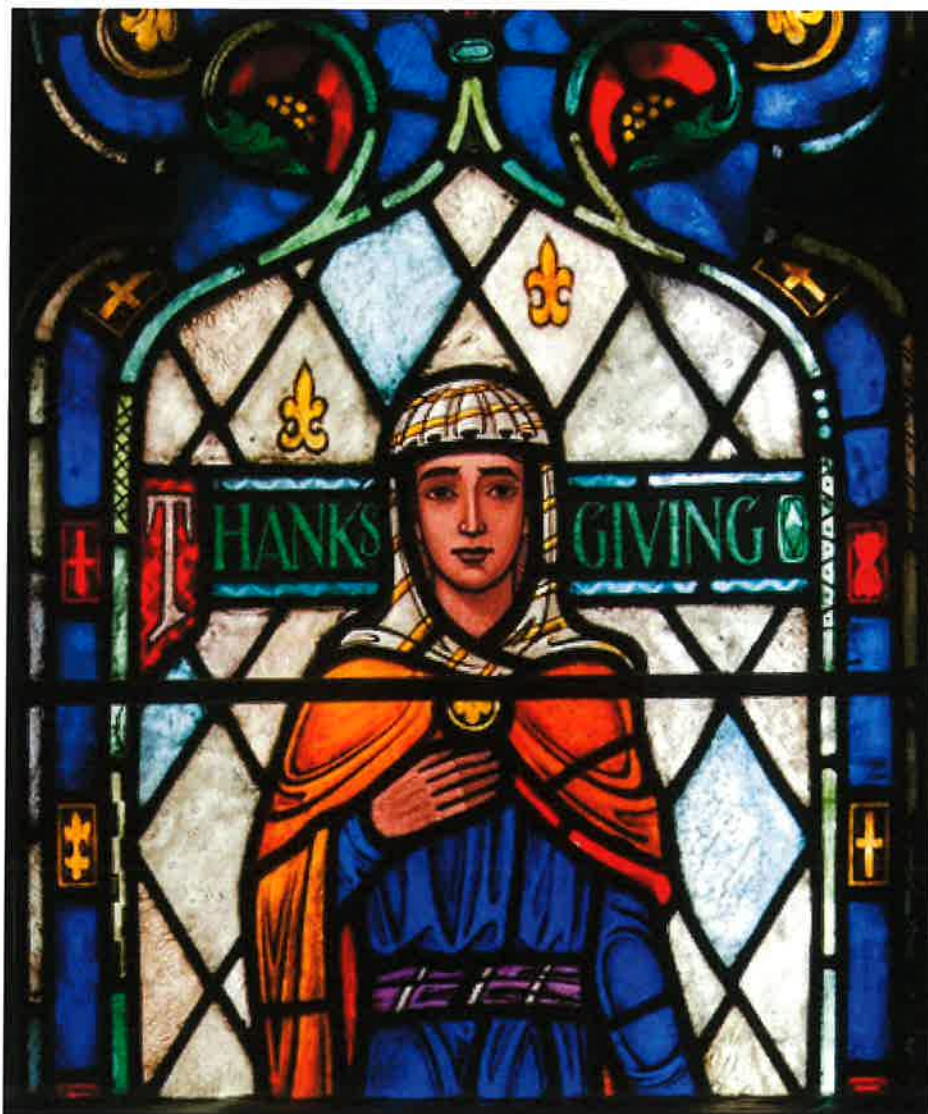


THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God."

– Fred Pratt Green

Thanksgiving Eve | November 26, 2025 7 p.m.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Carillon Prelude

Timothy Short, Carillonneur

Prelude

Aaron David Miller, Organist

+ Opening Hymn 559

We Gather Together

KREMSER

+ Call to Thanksgiving *(congregation reads the text in bold)*

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

Let us give thanks for all God's gifts so freely bestowed on us:

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth, sky, and sea;

For all that is gracious in the lives of humanity, revealing the image of God;

For our daily food and drink, our homes, our families and friends;

For minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve;

For health and strength, rest and play;

For valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice;

For the communion of saints, in all times and places;

Above all, for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**All honor, praise, and glory to God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
now and forever. Amen.**

Welcome

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Philippians 4:4-9 (NT, pp.198-199 in pew Bible)

Minister: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Healey Willan

The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Sing to the Lord of harvest,
Sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices
Your alleluias raise.

By Him the rolling seasons
In fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest
A song of happy love.

By Him the clouds drop bounty,
The deserts bloom and spring.

The hills leap up in gladness,
The valleys laugh and sing.

He filleth with His fullness,

All things with large increase;

He crowns the year with goodness,

With plenty and with peace.

Heap on his sacred altar

The gifts His goodness gave,

The golden sheaves of harvest,

The souls He died to save.

Your hearts lay down before Him

When at His feet you fall,

And with your lives adore Him

Who gave His life for all.

Second Lesson

John 6:2-35 (NT, pp. 97-98 in pew Bible)

Minister: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Meditations

Bruce Johnson, Julie Schramke, Rev. Dr E. Scott Jones

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 555

Now Thank We All Our God

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+ Affirmation of Faith — Adapted from the *Confession of 1967*

Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.

People are free to seek life within the purpose of God:

to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare,

to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers

for the fulfillment of human life.

Offering of Food and Funds

Please bring your food shelf items to the table. There will be an offering plate on the table to receive cash or checks which will go to support local food shelves. Please come forward using the center aisle and return to your pews by the side aisle.

Anthem

O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
Blest is the man that trusteth in him.

+ Offertory Response Hymn 554

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

+ Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**We cannot begin to express our gratitude to you, Giver of all,
for your gifts poured into our lives.
But let these offerings be used to bring hope, healing,
and peace to all your children, so we may all give thanks to you forever.**

+ The 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.**

+ Closing Hymn 551

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

+ Unison Benediction

**Let us go out with joy and thanksgiving with a song of praise in our hearts. We will rejoice
and be glad for God is good. May the love of God fill us to overflowing, the peace of Christ
surround us, and the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us, now and forever. Amen.**

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert



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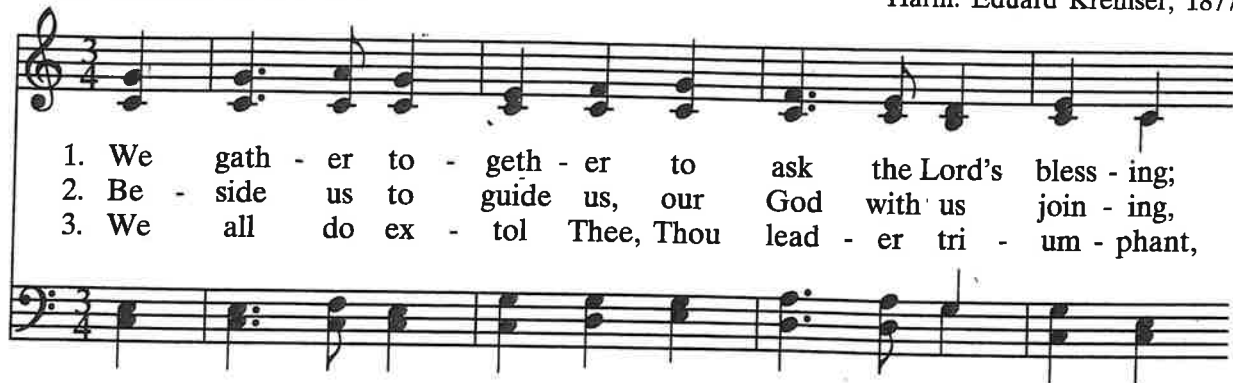
We Gather Together

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Netherlands folk hymn, 1625
Trans. Theodore Baker, 1894

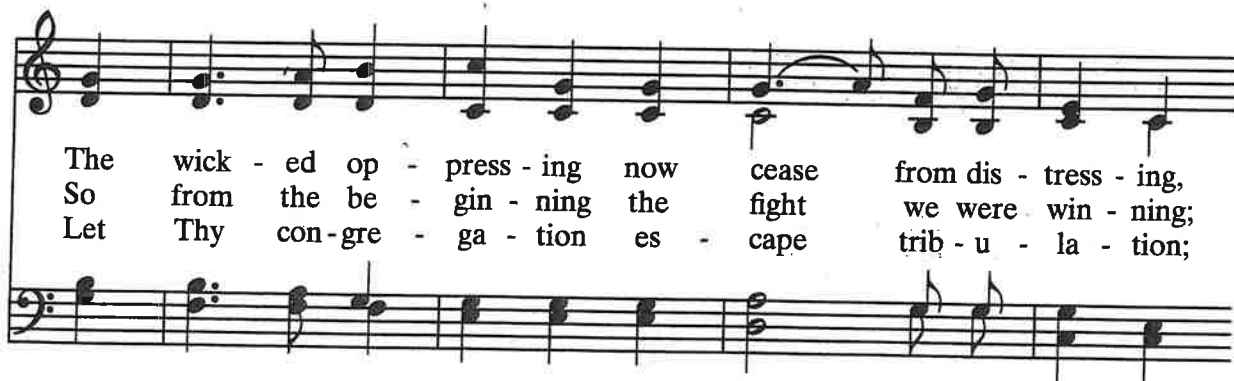
Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck, 1626
Harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877



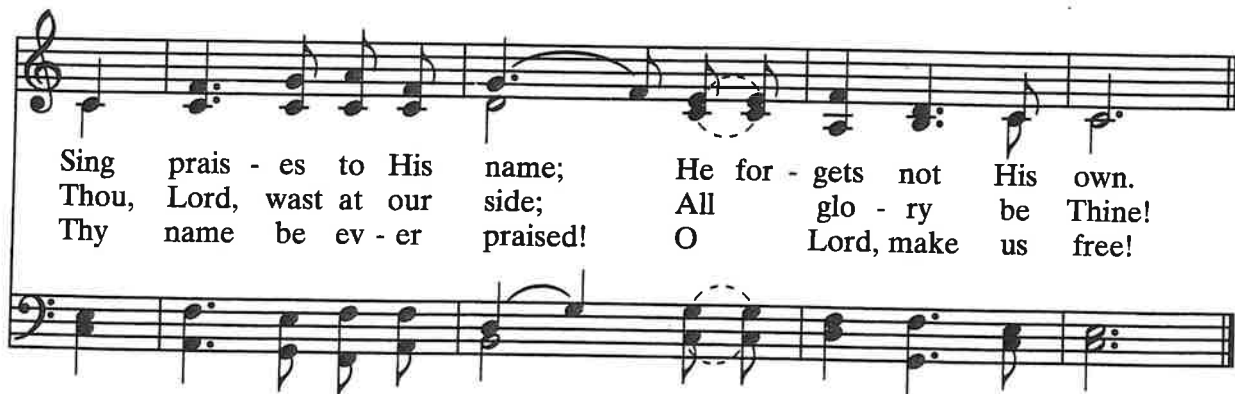
1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
3. We all do ex - tol Thee, Thou lead - er tri - um - phant,



He chas - tens and has - tens His will to make known;
Or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing His king - dom di - vine;
And pray - that Thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.



The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing,
So from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
Let Thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;



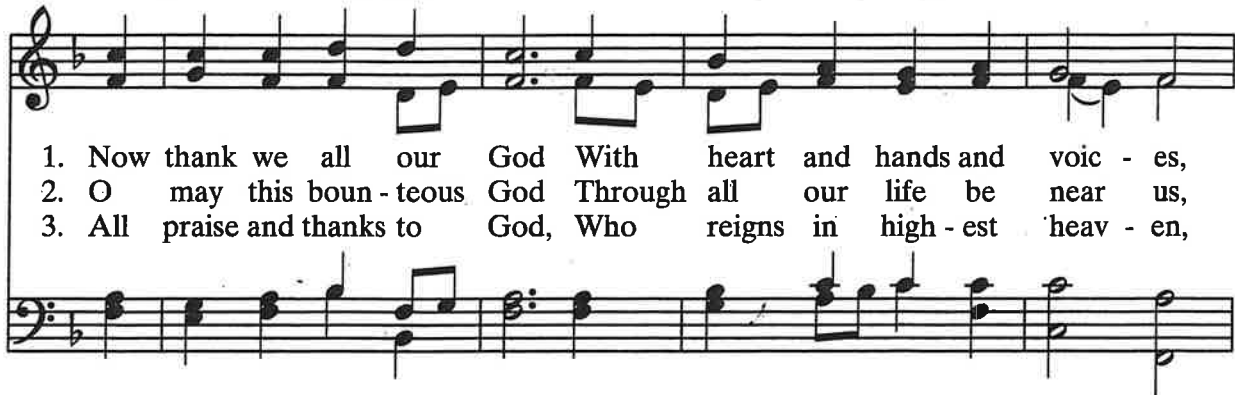
Sing prais - es to His name; He for - gets not His own.
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; All glo - ry be Thine!
Thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

Martin Rinkart, c. 1636

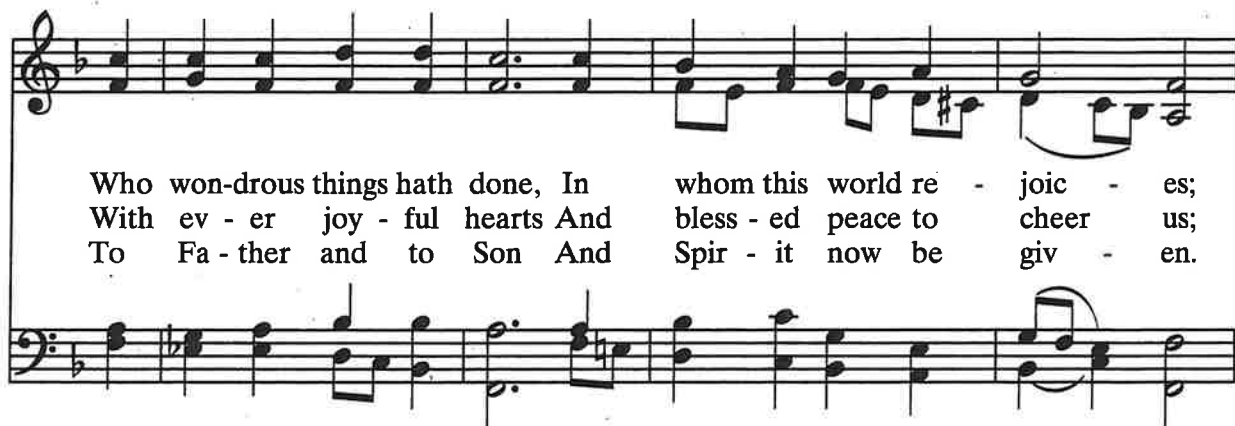
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

Stanza 3, *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985

Johann Crüger, 1648

Harm. adapt. *Lobegesang*, Felix Mendelssohn, 1840


1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voice,
 2. O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in highest heaven,



Who wondrous things hath done, In whom this world rejoices;
 With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us;
 To Father and to Son And Spirit now be given.



Who, from our mothers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way
 And keep us in God's grace, And guide us when perplexed,
 The one eternal God, Whom heaven and earth adore,



With countless gifts of love, And still is ours to-day.
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next.
 The God who was, and is, And shall be ever more.

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Let All Things Now Living

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Katherine K. Davis, 1939; alt.

Welsh folk melody
Harm. Gerald H. Knight (1908-1979)

Unison

1. Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing
2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es,

To God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
The sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,

By guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
The depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

THANKSGIVING HYMNS

Harmony

God's ban - ners are o'er us, Pure light goes be - fore us,
We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing

A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise:

Unison

Till shad-ows have van - ished, All fear - ful - ness ban - ished,
Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing,

As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.
To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.