
New Life Presbyterian Church

November 22, 2017

7:00 p.m.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Wednesday, November 22, 2017

PRELUDE *Come, Ye Thankful People Come* Tone Chimes

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 105)

Give thanks to the Lord;
call on His name;
make His deeds known to all the people!

*For He is the Lord, our God,
faithful to a thousand generations!*

Sing His praises;
tell of His wonderful works,
and glory in His holy name!
Let those who seek the Lord rejoice!

*For He is the Lord, our God,
faithful to a thousand generations!*

Search for God, and for His strength.
Never stop looking for Him.

*For He is the Lord, our God,
faithful to a thousand generations!*

*HYMN # 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

CALL TO CONFESSION

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace, we bring to you

Our ingratitude for all that you have done for us.

God of Grace, we bring to you

Our impatience when prayers seem to go unanswered.

God of Grace, we bring to you

Our selfishness when prompted to give or to share.

God of Grace, we bring to you

Our unfaithfulness when wandering from your way.

God of Grace,

Through Jesus Christ who journeyed on this earth for a time,

We ask for your forgiveness,

that we might learn to live lives pure in your sight. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you !

And also with you.

Please offer signs and words of peace with those worshipping around you.

ANTHEM

O Thankful Heart

Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 103

Philippians 4:4-13

THANKSGIVING MEDITATION

Attitude of Gratitude

*HYMN #647

Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING

For God's infinite Grace in our lives,
may the Lord our God make us truly thankful.

We pray today for all who are hurting too much to be thankful,
who are blinded by their pain and suffering
and who cannot see the good God does in their lives.

God of Grace make us all truly thankful.

We pray for all who are too jealous to be thankful,
who complain, "Why do they get everything?"
and who are always comparing themselves with others.

God of Grace make us all truly thankful.

We pray for all who have forgotten how to say thank you;
who have gotten used to saying, "I earned this,"
and who actually feel they have only themselves to thank.

God of Grace make us all truly thankful.

We pray for all who are too busy to be thankful;
who asked themselves this morning,
"Do I have time to go to church?"
and who even in worship are thinking about their to-do lists.

God of Grace make us all truly thankful.

We pray for all who are grudgingly thankful;
who say, "I guess this will have to do,"
while believing that God has given them a raw deal.

God of Grace make us all truly thankful.

We pray for all who are too tired to be thankful,
who sigh, "I just want to get through this day,"
and who have no energy to open their eyes
to the blessings around them.

God of Grace make us all truly thankful.

We pray for all who are not thankful enough to be generous,
who bargain with God,
"I'll be share when you give me more,"
or who are free with money,
but are stingy in spending time with others.

God of Grace make us all truly thankful.

We pray for all who are barely thankful;
who say the words, but don't feel grateful in their hearts
who go through the motions, but think,
"I don't know how to be really thankful."
God of Grace make us all truly thankful.

Today we pray a simple prayer.
O God of Grace, make us truly thankful.
Amen.

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.

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

OFFERTORY

A Gift of Love

Tone Chimes

SONG OF DEDICATION

*#606

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN # 363 *Rejoice the Lord is King*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Go from this place with joy,...

...and let all God's people say: *Alleluia and Amen!*

POSTLUDE

*Liturgy inspired / adapted from the following resources: Re-Worship.blogspot.com,
carolpenner.typepad.com/leadingworship.*

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*In All Things,
Give Thanks*
I Thessalonians 5:18

