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# *New Life Presbyterian Church*

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November 21, 2018

7:00 p.m.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship  
Wednesday, November 21, 2018

Breathe with Gratitude

PRELUDE

Tone Chimes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give God stretches out the heavens  
and shapes the earth.

*Come and give thanks!*

God raises up the mountains  
and pours water into the seas.

*Come and give thanks!*

God calls forth plants from the soil  
and forms animals in infinite variety.

*Come and give thanks!*

God breathes upon us  
and fills us with life.

*Come lift your voices in praise!*

God gives our lives meaning  
through laughter and tears.

*Come lift your voices in praise!*

God touches our hearts  
through family and friends.

*Come lift your voices in praise!*

God loves us and blesses us  
with everything good.

*Come and worship!*

God loves us and overwhelms us  
with never-ending generosity.

*Come and worship!*

God loves us and surrounds us  
with love in abundance!

*Come and worship!*

\*HYMN # 643

*Now Thank We All Our God*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

ANTHEM

*A Thankful Heart*

NLPC Choir

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 100

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

## GUIDED MEDITATION *Breathe with Gratitude*

*The Daily Examen is a Jesuit meditational technique  
of prayerful reflection  
on the events of the day  
which seeks to detect God's presence  
and discern God's direction for us.  
For our Thanksgiving Worship today  
we will be doing a variation on the Examen  
that will focus upon breathing in the Holy Spirit  
with GRATITUDE.*

## CHORAL RESPONSE *Thank You For It All* Praise Band

### Offering of the Heart

*A time of personal meditation & reflection:  
We are blessed by God's abundant love in so many ways.  
Take this time to reflect upon  
where you see God's love present to you in your life today.  
Choose one the thing for which you are most grateful.  
Write it down  
And  
bring it forward and put in our basket of prayers  
as a way of thanking God.*

Offerings of Treasure  
*Tangible offerings in support of the church's ministry  
may be placed in the offering plates located  
on either side of the chancel.*

## OFFERTORY

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

God of Abundance,

For the heavens and the earth in their magnitude and intricacy,

*We thank YOU!*

For the mountains and the seas in all their frightening beauty,

*We thank YOU!*

For the plants and the animals in their infinite variety,

*We thank YOU!*

For your Spirit who breathes upon us and fills us with life,

*We thank YOU!*

For the meaning our lives found in both laughter and tears,

*We thank YOU!*

For touching our hearts through family, friends, even strangers,

*We thank YOU!*

For your blessing us with everything good,

*We thank YOU!*

For overwhelming us with never-ending generosity,

*We thank YOU!*

For surrounding us the extraordinary abundance of your love,

*We thank YOU!*

God of Abundance, we thank YOU.

*Amen.*

## CHARGE AND BLESSING

Go from this place with joy,...

...And let all God's people say:

*Alleluia and Amen!*

## POSTLUDE

Calli Bowman-Tomlinson

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



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

