

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

* HYMN OF PREPARATION 706 *I Come with Joy* (vs. 1-3)

Come to the table as an offering of yourself, a re-commitment to faith. You may also bring your stewardship commitment forms, tithes and other offerings. Take a piece of bread, dip it in the juice and consume both at once. Gluten free option available. All are welcome.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Holy Creator, whose strong and loving arms surround the universe, with your eternal Word and Holy Spirit, you are forever one God. Through your Word you created all things and called them good, and in you we live and move and have our being. When we fall into sin, you do not desert us. You made covenant with your people Israel and spoke through prophets and teachers. In Jesus Christ, your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HYMN 738 *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord* (All Sing)

OFFERTORY PETER HILLIARD
All Creatures of Our God and King

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING:

Generous God, with Thanksgiving quickly approaching, we are reminded to give you thanks for the ministries of this congregation with which you have entrusted us. We are honored by the opportunity to be your holy body here. Bless these offerings, however they are given, that our efforts may be ever more worthy of your name. Amen.

SENDING FORTH TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

MICHELLE CRAWFORD

ANNA DANIEL

SHELBY STAGGS

* BENEDICTION

* SENDING FORTH (All Sing)

Go now in peace; go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

Portions of today's liturgy were written by Carol Holbrook Prickett and Jill Duffield. Used with permission from *The Presbyterian Outlook*.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRAYS FOR:

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS: Peggy Burger, Brenda Long.

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: Chris McDaniel, nephew of Mavis Whitten. Connie Marks, sister in law of John Marks. John, Steven, Judy, Debbie, family of Yolanda Garcia. Paul Vega, friend's son of Yolanda Garcia. Laura Nurse, daughter of Mary Massingill. Lee Smith, brother of Rick McDowell. Stephanie, friend of Karen Copple.

PRAYERS OF THOSE GRIEVING: Christina Davila, niece of Yolanda Garcia, on the death of her husband Mitch Davila.

Prayers for this church in transition.

Many thanks to the congregational care team for their ministries of care, including updating prayer concerns.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY:

Guest Preacher: **Rev. Dr. Scott Campbell**

Liturgist: **Liz Staggs**

Pianist: **Hasti Safaei**

Director of Music: **Alexa Brown**

Violinist: **Francisco Villarroel**



**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
LUBBOCK**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 19, 2023 10:30 AM

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

As a church family, we strive to connect people to God and to one another as we follow Christ



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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER GABRIELL HADINGTON, 1985

O Lord Jesus our God, Who called people from their daily work.

Saying to them, "Come ye after me", May your children today hear your voice.

And gladly answer your call, To give their lives to you,
To serve your Church, To offer their gifts

And to give away their hearts, To you only

Bless their hopes, The first tiny stirrings of desire

The little resolve to go forward, The small vision of what might be

Deal gently with their fears, The hesitation of uncertainty,

The darkness of the unknown, The lack of confidence in their own capacity, And turn it all to trust in you.

INTROIT *Lift Thine Eyes* from *Elijah* FELIX MENDELSSOHN

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you have been our dwelling place;
we come today to rest in you.

You have been the voice that guides us;
we come today to listen.

You have been the host who feeds us;
we come today to be filled.

You have been our joy and crown;
we come today to sing your praise!

* HYMN OF PRAISE 14 *Now Thank We all Our God*

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We know that our sins are too heavy for us to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. But we also know that you can lift that weight from us and transform our lives. So we lift our prayer of confession to you:

Merciful God, we confess that once again, we have not been the people you would have us to be. We've made mistakes. We've made missteps. We have hurt people, by action and inaction. We have wounded creation, by action and inaction. We have chosen our ways over yours, by action and inaction. We are

heartily sorry, O Lord. We ask you to turn us towards goodness. Forgive our past and shape our future, that we might build your kingdom here. We pray with gratitude and in the name of Jesus Christ, amen. *(silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

We are forgiven, rescued, and redeemed. Alleluia! Amen.

Let us offer one another signs of peace and reconciliation.

* PASS THE PEACE

* GLORIA 733 *Glory Be to the Father*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, your wisdom guides us deep into the mystery of your truth. Speak to us today, that we might understand your will and walk in your ways. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON GENESIS 5: 21-24

GOSPEL LESSON ACTS 8: 39-40

SERMON *Discipleship by Snatching*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 85 *I Love You Lord*

* APOSTLE'S CREED *Traditional Version*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the

living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER *Gratitude* NICHOLE NORDEMAN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God whose giving knows no bounds, your Word teaches us to give thanks in all circumstances. Today we take that instruction to heart in hopes that in so doing we will more readily express our gratitude every day. No matter where we find ourselves – around a table with family, in a shelter seated with strangers, at work when others are at rest, alone and content, or lonely despite the crowd – **we stop to acknowledge the blessings of this life in the myriad of forms they take.** We thank you, Lord of all, for the beauty of the earth and all the resources we enjoy from creation. **Make us careful and humble stewards of the planet we too often neglect and abuse.**

We thank you, God of mercy, for the abundance of forgiveness extended to us by you and others. **Help us to forgive as we have been forgiven, trusting of the unity won for us in Christ.**

We thank you, Holy Comforter, for the hope of faith that calls us forward. **Show us the promised, good future you have for us and grant us the courage to stay on the way when we are afraid and uncertain.**

We thank you, Triune God, for the gift of community in whatever way it comes to us: by blood or choice, intention or accident, large or small, next door or around the globe. **Reveal to us the people you call us to love and be loved by, all of us flawed, beautiful and redeemed through grace.**

We thank you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in all circumstances, **for all blessings wrestled and unexpected, complicated and lovely, overflowing and abundant, today and every day.**

And now as beloved children of God we are bold to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE 736 *Celtic Alleluia*

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

CAROL ADCOCK