

***BENEDICTION**

As our time our worship concludes, our time of service begins. We return to our living and working amidst a world of need. As you go from this place, carry with you the knowledge that you are recipients of God's gifts. As we go, we vow to share those gifts with the world around us. And may God walk with you as you travel life's road. **Amen.**

All sing:

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
 To God the creator triumphantly raise.
 Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
 Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
 We go out, all voicing our love and rejoicing;
 With glad adoration a song we will raise
 Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
 "To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"**

Thanks to the Choir, Emily Byrd, Nancy Chapman, and Rob Courtois for their musical leadership this morning!

"The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have been more impoverished than these who, nevertheless, set aside a day of thanksgiving."
 —H. U. Westermayer

As you leave Second, live each day by leaving a meaningful legacy for your life: be rich toward God.

If you have a prayer request, please forward the request to the church office. We will include your request on the prayer request list for a month, unless you request for us to leave it on longer.

MISSION PARTNERS & LIAISONS

LOCAL: HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS

ForKids - Marie Finch
 NEST - Karen McKinley
 St. Columba - Alice Allen-Grimes
 St. Mary's Soup Kitchen - Larry Hull
 LAUNCH Ministry - Joe Morgan
 The Norfolk Street Choir Project - Rich Voter

LOCAL: OUTREACH & INCLUSION

ODU Global Friendship - John Klein
 Faith Inclusion Network - Lori Crouch
 YOURS - Larry Hull
 Tidewater Pastoral Counseling Services - Catherine Hart Monroe

INTERNATIONAL

Ben Seidl in Berlin - Craig Wansink
 Jenn West in Holland - Linda West
 The Jungs in East Asia - Roz Klein
 The Kerrs in the M.E. - Katie White

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**"REASONS TO GIVE THANKS":
 A SERVICE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Second Presbyterian Church, November 21, 2021



We Gather In Christ

"Come, You Thankful People, Come"
 George J. Elvey (1858), arr. Shoup

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

WELCOME

***PASSING THE PEACE**

***SINGING OUR FAITH TOGETHER**

No. 396 "For the Fruit of All Creation"
 Words by Fred Pratt Green (1970)

Whether we are old or young, whether we are first-time or longtime worshipers, whether we come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow, in this place we all are family, because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. Welcome!

"The most important prayer in the world is just two words long: 'Thank you'."
 —Meister Eckhart

We Recognize our Need to Grow Closer to God

*CONFESSING OUR SIN

Gracious Creator, you have given us so much,
but too often we take those gifts for granted,
or as something to which we are entitled.
You call us to live in caring community,
but often we place our wants and needs first,
with those of others a distant second.

You call us to share Your gifts with the world around us,
but we are worried that there may not be enough,
and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing.
For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts,
for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves,
forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom.

*RECEIVING GRACE

God is a gracious giver. God is gracious in forgiveness.
God calls us to new patterns and new life. We are a forgiven people!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

SINGING OUR FAITH

*“II. Gloria from Gospel Mass”
By Robert Ray*

We Hear the Word

TIME OF DISCOVERY

SCRIPTURE LITANY Psalm 136:1-3, 23-26

The congregational response will be sung as demonstrated.

His steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
for His steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods,
for His steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for His steadfast love endures forever.

It is He who remembered us in our low estate,
for His steadfast love endures forever.

And rescued us from our foes,
for His steadfast love endures forever.

He who gives food to all flesh,
for His steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for His steadfast love endures forever.

SPIRITUAL SONGS, SCRIPTURE, AND MESSAGES

Verses sung are from “Now Thank We All Our God”

Acts 27:33-36

—Aaron Hatten

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

1 Samuel 2:1-2

—Tami Ndahi

**O may this bounteous God, through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills of this world in the next.**

Jonah 2:7-9

—Rob Courtois

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

“Returning Thanks”: Luke 17 by Paul Thigpen (Lynn Ruehlmann)

—Ann Byrd Porter

We Respond in Humility

MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

SINGING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

No. 559, “Ten Thousand Reasons”
By Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman (2011)

“The spirit of complaint is born out of an unwillingness to trust God with today. Like the Israelites, it means you are spending your time looking back toward Egypt or wishing for the future all the while missing what God is doing right now.”
—Priscilla Shirer

“When it comes to our relationship with God, nothing is of higher importance and greater significance than gratitude. There is no more game-changing resolution than this: I will not let the discouragement of what I’m going through make me forget the benefits of belonging to the God who has been so good to me. He has saved me, blessed me, forgiven me, restored me, satisfied me, healed me, crowned me, and renewed me.”
—Steven Furtick

“Gratitude reinterprets the situations in our lives, beginning with the baseline acknowledgement that we don’t deserve any of what we’ve been given. It’s all a product of God’s grace. The eyesight that allowed you to read that last sentence, the mental abilities that allowed you to comprehend it, the manual dexterity that enabled me to type it—all are products of God’s grace. The breaths you took while reading the last paragraph—all of them were borrowed. When you start with this frame of reference, it’s hard to be discontent. But discontentment is empowered by a sense of entitlement. And there is an inverse relationship between gratitude and entitlement. When entitlement is high, gratitude is low. When gratitude is high, entitlement is low. Gratitude begins where our sense of entitlement ends.”
—Steven Furtick