

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 20, 2022

6:00 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONSChristopher Crotwell

*CALL TO WORSHIP, Psalm 96:1-4, 8 (*responsive*) Neal Holm

O sing to the Lord a new song; **Sing to the Lord, all the earth**

Sing to the Lord, bless his name; **Tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory to the nations, **his marvelous works among all peoples.**

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. **He is to be revered above all gods.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; **Bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

Come, let us worship the Lord, our God!

*Gathering

Prayer.....Neal Holm

God of light and truth, you are beyond our grasp or conceiving. Before the brightness of your face the angels veil their faces. With lowly reverence and adoring love we acclaim your glory and sing your praise. For you have shown us truth and love and our hearts are forever grateful. Amen.

*HYMN #336 "We Gather Together"

Prayer for IlluminationCharles Carter

God of mercy, you promised never to break covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful, obedient, and grateful lives that ever strive to glorify the name of the Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON – Matthew 6:25-34 Charles Carter

SECOND LESSON – Micah 6:6-8Howard Fromkin

Anthem – "The Promise of Living" from "The Tender Land" by Aaron Copeland

THIRD LESSON – 1 Chronicles 29:10-18.....Jonee McElhaney

SERMONKeith Keeton

THANKSGIVING LITANY (responsive)..... Karen Walker

O God, you are majestic, holy and wonderful. **We thank you, O God.**

Heaven and Earth are full of your glory. We magnify your holy name. **We thank you, O God.**

You are older than time and stronger than death. **We thank you, O God.**

You are love, and you are wisdom. **We thank you, O God.**

You are strength, and you are peace. **We thank you, O God.**

You are joy, and you are gladness. **We thank you, O God.**

You call for justice for the oppressed, and help for the weak. **We thank you, O God.**

You are courage, and you are hope. **We thank you, O God.**

You watch over sparrows and feed the hungry good things. **We thank you, O God.**

You clothe the naked and heal the broken-hearted. **We thank you, O God.**

You humble the proud and protect the vulnerable. **We thank you, O God.**

You forgive all our sins and call us your children. **We thank you, O God.**

You bring us together as friends and knit us together as a family. **We thank you, O God.**

You bless us and call us to bless others in your name. **We thank you, O God.**

You give us the gift of faith, the joy of a life lived with you, the blessing of neighbors, and the privilege of serving as your hands and feet in this community. For these graces and all others, **we thank you, O God. Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING (responsive).....Jenny Newman

God has told us what is good; what does the Lord require?

To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death to life.

Out of gratitude, let us now recommit our lives to God now.

(The offering will be given to Breadbasket food assistance ministry.

Please make checks payable to Breadbasket. Thank you.)

Offertory – "A Bridge of Love" by Nathen Sumrall

Prayer of Dedication (unison)..... Jenny Newman

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be the Lord forever. Amen.

*HYMN #645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

*BENEDICTIONKeith Keeton

**Please stand where indicated.*

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