

THE LORD'S DAY ~ November 22, 2009

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Thanksgiving Day is probably the most purely religious holiday in the life of our nation. While the spiritual meaning of Christmas and Easter are often overshadowed by secular influences, Thanksgiving remains directly and largely focused upon God and His gifts. The Westminster Confession of Faith speaks of "thanksgivings upon special occasions" as valid and important religious observations.
(Chapter 21.5)

We join together as a congregation in a service of Thanksgiving to God for His mercies to us as His people and as a nation.

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

Pastor's Welcome and Announcements

*Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 136:1-4

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.
People: For his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods,
People: For his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
People: For his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: To him who alone does great wonders,
People: For his steadfast love endures forever.

*Medley of Praise

*"Now Thank We All Our God" (C788)
"In All Things Give Him Thanks" (C789)
"We Gather Together" (C790)*

*Prayer of Invocation and Praise

*Affirmation of Faith

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?
People: We believe we are to rejoice always, pray without ceasing and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for us.

The Reading of the Law of God

Deuteronomy 8:1-20

National Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask Your forgiveness and to seek Your direction and guidance.

We know Your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good," but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values.

We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word in the name of moral pluralism.

We have worshipped other gods and called it "multi-culturalism."

We have endorsed perversion and called it an "alternative lifestyle."

We have exploited the poor and called it "a lottery."

We have neglected the needy and called it "self-preservation."

We have rewarded laziness and called it "welfare."

In the name of "choice," we have killed our unborn.

In the name of "right to life," we have killed abortionists.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it "building esteem."

We have abused power and called it "political savvy."

We've coveted our neighbors' possessions and called it "taxes."

We've polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it "freedom of expression."

We've ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it "enlightenment."

Search us, O God, and know our hearts today. Try us, and show us if there be any wicked in us. Cleanse us from every sin, and set us free.

Guide and bless our nation's leaders who have been ordained by You to govern this great country.

Grant them Your wisdom to rule, and may their decisions direct us to the center of Your will. I ask it in the name of your Son, the living Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Promise of Pardon

II Chronicles 7:14

The Thanksgiving Testimonial(s)

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

2 Corinthians 9:10-11

Offertory Hymn (C807)

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

Prayer of Illumination

Ephesians 1:15-18

Sermon

"A Pilgrim Life of Thanksgiving"
Rev. Cory Colravy

*Hymn of Response (T76)

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

*Charge and Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

*Hymn of Benediction (C799, vs. 2)

"America the Beautiful"

*Postlude

Morning Worship Leaders:
Cory D. Colravy, Senior Pastor
Robert S. Hayes, Associate Pastor
R. Leigh Hinkle, Music Leader
Glenn E. Hayes, Service Deacon

EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 P.M.

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 105:1-3

***Opening Medley of Praise**

"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" (C213)
"He Has Made Me Glad" (C214)

***Prayer of Invocation and Praise**

***Confession of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 116-119

Leader: *Why do Christians need to pray?*

People: Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. And also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking him for them.

Leader: *How does God want us to pray so that He will listen to us?*

People: First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, who has revealed himself in his Word, asking for everything he has commanded us to ask for.

Second, we must acknowledge our need and misery, hiding nothing, and humble ourselves in his majestic presence.

Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what he promised us in his Word.

Leader: *What did God command us to pray for?*

People: Everything we need, spiritually and physically, as embraced in the prayer Christ our Lord himself taught us.

Leader: *What is this prayer?*

People: 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 also have forgiven 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.

Congregational Prayers of Thanksgiving

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

2 Corinthians 9:12-14

Offertory Hymn Medley

"I'm Forever Grateful" (C173)

"Forever" (1)

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King. His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things. His love endures forever.
Sing praise, Sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise sing praise.

*Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us, forever.*

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on, His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Prayer of Illumination

II Thessalonians 2:13-15

Sermon

Luke 17:11-19

"The Ten Lepers"
Rev. Cory Colravy

***Closing Hymn of Response** (Tune: "Abide With Me")

"Psalm 116:12-19"

How can I thank the LORD for all he's done? With gratitude salvation's cup I'll raise;
I'll call upon his name, and will fulfil my vows to him before his people's face.

The LORD holds dear the death of all his saints. Hear me, O LORD! I am your servant true;
I am your servant and your handmaid's son, and from my chains I have been freed by you.

Thank-off'rings I will sacrifice to you and call upon the name of God the LORD.
When all his people in assembly meet, with joy I will fulfil my solemn word.

Before his people I will keep my vows, within the courts of our God's holy place,
Within the city of Jerusalem. Unto the LORD alone be all the praise!

***Benediction**

Galatians 6:18

***Postlude**

* For those who are able, please stand.

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THIS WEEK, November 22 - 28, 2008

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| Today | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Prayer Meeting, Conference Room, 8:30 a.m.•Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.•Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 - 10:25 a.m.•Christmas Choir practice, Sanctuary, 4:00 p.m.•Praise Band practice, Sanctuary, 5:30 p.m.•Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Men's Group, Conference Room, 11:15 a.m.•CCS Basketball games, CCS Gym, Boys JV ~ 5:30 p.m.; Boys Varsity ~ 7:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•No Thanksgiving Eve activities ~ Enjoy your families. |
| Thursday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•<i>Thanksgiving Day</i> |
| Friday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Men's Prayer Group, Conference Room, 7:30 |

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