



ORDER FOR THE
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November 24, 2024
Thanksgiving Sunday

Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

The order of worship for the evening service begins on page 7.

ENTER HIS COURTS WITH THANKSGIVING

PRELUDE: "Oh Glory" Joseph Joubert

Artina McCain, piano

♣CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 145:1-3..... Brian Lewis

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 551 "O God Beyond All Praising" THAXTED

Words: Michael Perry / Music: Gustav Holst / Psalm 138:1

1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
2. The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
its fra-gile bloom sur-ren-der to you the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,
but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown —
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
 though small in mor - tal sta - ture, to heav - en's gar - den grown:
 we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your Word,
 for Christ the Man from heav - en from death has set us free,
 to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
 and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry!
 and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

◆INVOCATION

◆PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 100 Grace Knight (8:15)
 Sarah Bacon (11:00)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**Serve the Lord with gladness!
 Come into his presence with singing!**

Know that the Lord, he is God!

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

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good;

**his steadfast love endures forever,
 and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

RECEIVE HIS GRACE WITH JOY

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, our heavenly Father,
every good and perfect gift comes from You.
Yet we confess that we have received Your gifts with a thankless heart
and have doubted Your generous heart.
We have murmured and complained against You.
We have failed to give thanks to You in all circumstances.
Empower us to cast off the spiritually unhealthy weight of thanklessness
that is slowing us down in our race of faith.
May Your Holy Spirit so rule us
that You give us victory over this
and all the other sinful tendencies of our hearts.
For we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON II Corinthians 8:9

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor,
so that you by his poverty might become rich.*

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INSTRUMENTAL OFFERTORY: "Exalting Majesty: Hymns of Faith and Praise" . . . arr. Joseph Joubert

*Artina McCain, piano
Leo Davis, organ*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN Danny Song

EMBRACE HIS CALL WITH GRATITUDE

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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.**

CHORAL MEDITATION: "Psalm 100 (Enter In)"Charity Gayle

Words and Music: Charity Gayle, Joshua Sherman, Laurel Taylor, Steven Musso

Congregation joins in chorus as directed.

Shout joyfully to the Lord all the earth.
Come worshiping before the throne of God.
For the Lord He is good, and His love endures forever.

Chorus:

*So we enter in, into His gates,
Bringing words of praise and off'rings of thanksgiving.
So we enter in to bless His name,
Lifting holy hands in honor of our King.*

So heavenly to walk into Your courts.
Jesus is the One that we adore.
Your majesty, we bow before You, Lord.
For the Lord He is good, and His love endures forever.

Omnipotent, amazing, our God will reign forever.
Magnificent, breathtaking, our God will reign forever.
Omnipotent, amazing, our God will reign forever.
Magnificent, breathtaking.

For the Lord He is good, and His love endures.
For the love endures. For the love endures forever.

Call-Up Choir

James Ryan, violin; Joe Mariencheck, bass; Elijah Wynne drums

Calvin Ellis, director

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Ephesians 4:7-13
(page 977 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON: All-Powerful Gifting..... George Robertson

I. Source of Those Gifts (7-10)

- A. Descent (9)
- B. Ascent (7-8, 10)

II. Appointment of Those Gifts (11)

- A. God's Glory
- B. God's Priorities

III. Purpose of Those Gifts (12-13)

- A. Unity in Service (12-13a)
- B. Unity in Christ-likeness (13b)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♠HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 61 "Now Thank We All Our God"NUN DANKET

Words: Martin Rinkart / Music: Johann Crüger / I Chronicles 29:13

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice - es,
 2. O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be giv-en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom his world re-joic-es;
 with ev-er-joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high-est heav-en—

who from our moth-ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
 the one e-ter-nal God, whom earth and heav'n a-dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev-er-more.

♠BENEDICTION

♠BENEDICTION RESPONSENUN DANKET

**The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
 For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

♠POSTLUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God" Sigfried Karg-Elert

♠Indicates congregation standing

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Thanksgiving Service

6:00 p.m.

✦CALL TO WORSHIP.....Brett Wynne

✦I THANK GOD Housefires

Words and Music: Aaron Moses, Chuck Butler, Enrique Holmes, Jesse Cline / Luke 15:11-32

**Wandering into the night, wanting a place to hide
This weary soul, this bag of bones,
And I try with all my might, but I just can't win the fight;
I'm slowly drifting, a vagabond.**

**And just when I ran out of road, I met a man I didn't know,
And He told me that I was not alone.**

*He picked me up, He turned me around,
He placed my feet on solid ground.
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior,
Because He healed my heart, He changed my name,
Forever free, I'm not the same.
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior—I thank God!*

**I cannot deny what I see; got no choice but to believe—
My doubts are burning like ashes in the wind.
So, so long to my old friends, burden and bitterness,
You can just keep it moving, nah, you ain't welcome here!**

**From now 'til I walk the streets of gold,
I'll sing of how You saved my soul.
This wayward son has found his way back home.**

**Oh, Hell lost another one, I am free.
I am free, I am free.**

✦INVOCATION

✦LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

I will give thanks to You, O God, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to You among the nations.
I will give thanks to You with my whole heart
and recount all of Your wonderful deeds.

**We thank You, O Father,
for calling us to faith in Christ,
for putting Your Spirit within us,
for giving us the mind of Christ,
and for gathering us into Your church.**

I give thanks to You, O Lord, for You are good;
Your steadfast love endures forever!
You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;
You are my God, and I will extol You.

**We thank You, Lord Jesus,
for living the life we should have lived,
for dying the death we should have died,
for enduring the hell we rightfully deserved,
and for rising to secure for us Your gift
of eternal life and unending relationship with God.**

I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
for You are my strength and my shield;
in You my heart trusts, and I am helped.

**We thank You, O Spirit,
for You are the Lord and giver of life.
We give You thanks for removing from us
our hard hearts and giving us new hearts
to love, trust, serve, and obey You.**

It is good to give thanks to You, O Lord,
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

and to make known Your deeds among the peoples! Amen.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

Unless otherwise designated, tonight's offering will benefit our war-impacted partners in Lebanon and Alcy Ball Development Corporation in Memphis. In addition to cash and check, you may give electronically at 2pc.org/give or text THANKS to (901) 410-9500.

GREAT ARE YOU, LORD/GRATITUDE Travis Cottrell

Words and Music: Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan, David Leonard; arr. Travis Cottrell / Psalm 145:3

♠ Congregation stands and joins at worship team's direction

Verse


You give life, You are love, You bring light to the dark - ness; You give hope,

You re - store, ev - 'ry heart that is bro - ken; ___ and great are You, Lord.

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs so we pour out our praise,

we pour out our praise, it's Your breath in our lungs



so we pour out our praise to You on - ly.

Bridge



All the earth will shout your praise, our hearts will cry,



these bones will sing, "Great are You Lord!"

So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again,
 Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah!
 And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a King,
 Except for a heart singing hallelujah, hallelujah!

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Psalm 107
(page 506 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. *(Isaiah 40:8)*

SERMON: In Search of Joy George Robertson

- I. God is Good (1-3)
- II. God Redeems (4-32)
- III. God Rules (33-43)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

IS HE WORTHY? Andrew Peterson

Words and Music: Andrew Peterson, Ben Shive, John Francis Wade / Revelation 5:12

Congregation sings words printed in bold.

Do you feel the world is broken? **We do.**

Do you feel the shadows deepen? **We do.**

But do you know that all the dark

Won't stop the light from getting through? **We do.**

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **We do.**

Is all creation groaning? **It is.** Is a new creation coming? **It is.**

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? **It is.**

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **It is.**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave:

He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? **He does.**

Does the Spirit move among us? **He does.**

And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves? **He does.**

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? **He does.**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave:

He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

From ev'ry people and tribe, every nation and tongue,

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this?

♠HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: NO. 28 "HOW GREAT THOU ART" HOW GREAT THOU ART

Words: Stuart K. Hine / Music: Trad. Swedish Folk Tune / Psalm 48:1

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

con - sid - er all the *worlds thy hands have made,
 and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees,
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

I see the stars, I hear the *roll - ing thun - der,
 when I look down from loft - y moun-tain gran - deur,
 that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
 and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin.
 and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.

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Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: how great thou
 art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to
 thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

♠BENEDICTION

♠GOSPEL AMEN

♠Indicates congregation standing

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Elders are available following the service for prayer and anointing with oil.

Hanging of the Green

Sunday, December 1 · Activities Begin at 5:00 p.m.

We'll kick off Advent Season next Sunday, December 1, at Hanging of the Green! The evening will look a little different from previous years with the main change being that activities will begin at 5:00 p.m., before the 6:00 p.m. service.

Activity stations for families with children up to 5th grade will be located in the C Basement and Fellowship Hall—featuring cookie decorating, crafts, and more. In addition, youth and Shine participants are invited to a “Cocoa & Karaoke” party in the Salmon Room!

Pre-service fun isn't just for children and youth—adults are invited to help the Floral Guild with decorating the International Ministry tree at the West Entrance, the tree inside the Fellowship Hall, and hanging wreaths on all exterior doors of the building. In addition, all ages are invited to stop by the photo booth in the Fellowship Hall to capture a merry moment with loved ones.

Following worship, which will be led by our children's choirs, we'll gather outside for the annual live nativity.

Advent

Save the dates below and invite your family and friends to join us throughout the month of December for worship services and activities for all ages. Visit 2pc.org/advent for more dates, details, and service opportunities.

Festival of Carols

December 8, 6:00 p.m.

Sing Hallelujah

December 15, 6:00 p.m.

Nine Lessons and Carols

December 22, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Christmas PJ Party

December 22, 4:30 p.m.

A Gospel Christmas

December 22, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship

4:00 p.m. Family Service

5:30, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m.

Candlelight Communion Services

Caring Ministry Update

Sympathy to:

Libby Pritchard on the death of her husband, *Howard Porter Pritchard*, November 14, 2024.

Lorraine Jones on the death of her sister, *Patricia Jones*, November 18, 2024, in California.

Congratulations to:

Levi and Savannah Gresham on the birth of a son, *Ezra Michael Gresham*, November 14, 2024.

In the Hospital: (*as of 11/20/24*)

Peaches Roane, *Baptist Memphis*
Lynn Ballinger, *Baptist Memphis (no visitors)*

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions–Tyler Mobley: Tyler Mobley recently moved to Thailand to lead a Campus Outreach team, ministering to students on the Chiang Mai University campus. Tyler’s team is encouraged by the response of several students at a recent CO retreat and asks that we pray for the Lord to continue to work in the hearts of all of those who attended. Pray also for creative ways for the CO team to connect with students, especially those who are less proficient in English. As the team is in a time of personnel transition, pray for extra grace as two team members leave the field and a new member comes on board. Pray for genuine brotherly love among the team so that all will know they are Christ’s disciples. Finally, pray for Tyler to find joy in Christ each morning, shepherd his team well, and have true compassion for the lost in Thailand.

Domestic Missions–Adult and Teen Challenge: For over 50 years, Adult and Teen Challenge of Memphis has been on the front lines as the faith-based cure for the addiction epidemic, providing a Christ-centered residential and reentry program for adult men (18+) struggling with addictions. The program utilizes Bible-based curriculum to develop men spiritually, while also helping them gain the necessary life skills to aid them in the practical side of their recovery. Pray for the students, that the Lord would give them a desire to change and perseverance to keep going. Pray also for the graduates, that the Lord would continue to strengthen their faith and hold them fast. Finally, pray for the staff, that the Lord would give them strength in their service.

2PC Ministry–GriefShare: Our Caring Ministry aims to serve those who have lost a loved one to death by offering GriefShare sessions. Please pray for the 20-plus individuals who recently completed a GriefShare cycle. Pray they consistently turn to the Lord to help and heal them in their grief. In January, we will begin a new class. Pray God would draw to that class individuals who are longing to know peace and relief from mourning.

General Fund Giving Update

	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	Variance to Budget	Prior Year Actual	Variance to Prior Year
October	\$ 713,948	\$ 904,824	\$ 190,876	\$ 620,294	\$ 284,530
YTD 7/1/24–10/31/24	\$ 2,803,405	\$ 2,551,534	\$ (251,871)	\$ 2,275,794	\$ 275,740

Congregational Meeting: December 8

The Session has called the congregation to meet on Sunday, December 8 at both morning services to elect officers to begin service in January 2025 on the Diaconate and Session. Those up for election have previously been nominated by the congregation and have completed a period of training and examination.

November Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this month are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: *Walker Bush* by his family; *Mary Elizabeth Garrott* by her siblings, Brandon, Murray, and Allison; *Ann and Oscar Edwards* by Mary and Jimmy Edwards and their family; *Liza Fletcher* for her birthday by her Hutchison friends; *George Shea Flinn* by his sons George, Fred, and Carl, and their families; *Bobby Shute* by Dawn, Christina, and Mary and Daniel Shute; *Robert Tipton, Jr.* by his mother Deborah Tipton and his sister Mary Elisabeth Tipton.

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