

# **Thanksgiving Eve Service**

**Wednesday, November 23, 2022**

**3:30 PM**



**Come to Chapel or watch on Channel 105**

# Order of Service

**Prelude**

*Let All Things Now Living*

Rhonda R.

**Words of Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Church of Scotland

The world is filled with the glory of God, and we say,  
**Thank you!**

The hills and valleys are filled with color, and we say,  
**Thank you!**

The vines and trees are filled with fruit, and we say,  
**Thank you!**

Our tables are overflowing with food, and we say,  
**Thank you!**

Our life is filled with love of family and friends, and  
we say,  
**Thank you!**

We fill this house of God with our voices, saying,  
**Thank you!**

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our  
hearts be acceptable to you, O God, as we enter into  
this service of thanksgiving and praise. **Amen.**

***Praise and Thanksgiving***

ELW 689

Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer  
 For all things living, you have made good:  
 Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,  
 Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,  
 That with our neighbor we may be fed.  
 Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,  
 Harvesting, milling for daily bread.

Father, providing food for your children,  
 By Wisdom's guiding teach us to share  
 One with another, so that, rejoicing  
 With us, all others may know your care.

Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,  
 Freely confessing your gracious hand.  
 Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;  
 Your love sustaining showers the land.

**Text:** Albert F. Bayly, alt.; **Music:** Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version. Text © Oxford University Press.  
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**Litany for Thanksgiving**

Christine Sine

God eternal and righteous One,  
 Who created the heavens and the earth,  
 We gather to give you thanks

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**For breath that fills us with your life,  
For love that softens our hearts,  
For beauty revealed at every turn.**

Christ redeeming and forgiving One,  
Who is always faithful and merciful.

We gather to give you thanks

**For renewal, transforming our lives,  
For peace calming the chaos of our souls,  
For hope restoring our faith.**

Spirit sustaining, and compassionate One,  
Who calls us into relationship with the living God,  
We give you thanks

**For caring when our hearts are aching,  
For friends supportive in times of need,  
For generosity lavish and overflowing.**

God who created the earth and the heavens,  
Eternal, Redeeming and Sustaining One,

We gather to give you thanks

**We come with hearts full of gratitude,  
For all things good,  
We give you thanks for You.**

For the universe immense and unknown,  
For the earth on which we live,  
For humankind made in your image.

**Thanks and praise to God our creator.**

For the way you entered human history as one of us  
For the sacrifice you made for all of us,  
For dying that we might live.

**Thanks and praise to Christ our redeemer.**

For the wonder of your indwelling presence,  
For the comfort of your guidance and direction,  
For drawing us together as one body.

**Thanks and praise to the Holy Spirit our sustainer.**

Through your will we are made whole,  
Through your love we are renewed.  
Through your abiding presence we become one community.

**Thanks and praise to God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer through all eternity.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Piano Solo**      *Now Thank We All Our God*      Rhonda R.

### **First Reading – Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the

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Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and saw our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

***All People That on Earth Do Dwell***

ELW 883

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;  
Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
Without our aid he did us make.  
We are his folk, he doth us feed,  
And for his sheep he doth us take.

Oh, enter then his gates with praise;  
Approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

**Text:** William Kethe; **Music:** Louis Bourgeois.

## **Second Reading – Philippians 4:4-9**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come***

ELW 693

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of  
harvest home.

All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of  
harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn  
shall appear.

Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and  
pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his  
harvest home;

From his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;  
Give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.  
Gather then thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified, in thy garner to abide.  
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious  
harvest home!



**Gospel Acclamation***Let Us Talents and  
Tongues Employ*

ELW 674

Let us talents and tongues employ,  
Reaching out with a shout of joy:  
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

**Gospel – John 6:25-35****Response: *Glory to You, O Lord.***

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.”

Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses

who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Response: *Praise to you, O Christ.***

**Response**

*Let Us Talents and  
Tongues Employ*

ELW 674

Christ is able to make us one,  
At the table he sets the tone,  
Teaching people to live to bless,  
Love in word and in deed express.  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
Gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) ev’rywhere!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

**Text:** Fred Kaan; **Music:** Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter. Text and music © 1975 Hope Publishing Company.

**Homily**

Pastor Mandsager

***We Praise You, O God***

ELW 870

We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;  
 In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
 We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
 We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;  
 Through trial and tempest our guide you have been.  
 When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
 And with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer  
 And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
 With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.  
 To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

**Text:** Julia C. Cory; **Music:** A. Valerius, *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck*.

**Offertory***You Are My All in All*

Rhonda R.

*Our offering today and on Sunday, November 27  
 will be donated to the  
 Community Action Center Food Shelf.*

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

May the Lord of all creation shower his blessings and favor upon you. **Amen.**

May the Lord of the harvest grace your Thanksgiving table with his presence and fill your loved ones with peace.

**Amen.**

May the Lord of salvation guide you all your days until you come into the joys of his eternal kingdom.

**Amen.**

***Now Thank We All Our God***

ELW 839

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
And keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all harm in this world and the next.

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 earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

**Text:** Martin Rinkhart; tr. Catherine Winkworth; **Music:** Johann Crüger, arr. hymnal version.  
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*We give thanks for the musicians who have so graciously  
shared their time and talents with us in 2022!*

*John Backstrom  
Rachel Coltvet  
Lisa Daehlin  
Rhonda Reece  
Christina Schwietz*



The NRC Advent Devotional will be available on  
Friday, November 25. Thank you to our residents and staff  
who have submitted their thoughts and “ponderings.” We  
hope that you will enjoy each day’s reflection.



**Advent Worship Calendar**  
**10:30 AM**  
**NRC Chapel and Channel 105**

Advent I	November 27
Advent II	December 4
Advent III	December 11
Advent IV	December 18

**Christmas Worship Calendar**  
**NRC Chapel and Channel 105**

Christmas Eve Service  
**Saturday, December 24** 3:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Service  
**Sunday, December 25** 10:30 a.m.

# A Nativity Diptych<sup>1</sup> for NRC

by Northfield artist  
Mark Daehlin

Spend as much time as you like  
in the Chapel  
(or tune in to Channel 105)  
to watch Mark's creative process  
every Tuesday and Thursday  
from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
during Advent:

November 29, December 1,  
December 6, December 8,  
December 13, December 15,  
December 20 and December 22.

<sup>1</sup> a painting, especially an altarpiece, on two hinged wooden panels which may be closed like a book.



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