

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY  
November 24, 2024 – 10 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

As grateful followers of Christ, we are:  
**Living our Faith, Nurturing Families, Serving our Communities.**

\*GREETING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Michele Murray  
"Let All Things Now Living" arr. Jan Sanborn

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Debbie Millikan  
ONE: From the journey of life, to a hope and a future,  
our God calls us to a life rooted in faith.  
ALL: **We join together in worship and praise, to  
show love and faith for a Generous God.**  
ONE: Let us rejoice in the God of our hope and our  
salvation!  
ALL: **For all that God has done, all that God is,  
and all that God has promised we come  
to worship in praise and thanksgiving!.**

\*HYMN "We Gather Together" #131  
1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name, he forgets not his own.  
2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!  
3. We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

BLESSING OF TOWELS Joe Snyder

HYMN "Freely, Freely" #389  
Refrain:  
He said, "Freely, freely you have received;  
Freely, freely give.  
Go in My name and because you believe,  
Others will know that I live."

OFFERING TO GOD GRATEFUL Susan Daoust

OFFERTORY Sanctuary Choir  
"Now Thank We All Our God"

\*DOXOLOGY  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise  
him, all creatures here below; Praise him above,  
ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy  
Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Susan Daoust

ANTHEM Sanctuary Choir  
"Awake My Soul"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Debbie Millikan

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)  
**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 trespasses as we forgive those  
who trespass against us. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the  
kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

\*HYMN "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #94  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OLD TESTAMENT Debbie Millikan  
Psalms 34:1-6 (MSG)  
<sup>1</sup>I will praise the LORD at all times. I will constantly  
speak his praises. <sup>2</sup>I will boast only in the LORD; let all  
who are helpless take heart. <sup>3</sup>Come, let us tell of  
the LORD's greatness; let us exalt his name together. <sup>4</sup>I  
prayed to the LORD, and he answered me. He freed me  
from all my fears. <sup>5</sup>Those who look to him for help will  
be radiant with joy; no shadow of shame will darken  
their faces. <sup>6</sup>In my desperation I prayed, and  
the LORD listened; he saved me from all my troubles.

NEW TESTAMENT Colossians 3:12-17 (MSG)  
<sup>12-14</sup> So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in  
the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion,  
kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-  
tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an  
offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master  
forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on,  
wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be  
without it. <sup>15-17</sup> Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune

with each other, in step with each other. None of this  
going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate  
thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ—the Message—  
have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in  
your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good  
common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to  
God! Let every detail in your lives—words, actions,  
whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus,  
thanking God the Father every step of the way.  
This is God's Word for God's people today.  
**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Purpose, Power, Presence Rev. Boruff

HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" #102  
1. Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.  
2. O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.  
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven;  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

BENEDICTION  
We began this worship with thanksgiving. Let us  
move into the world with thanksgiving.  
**We thanks to our God who is so good; whose  
love stands firm forever.**  
Let thanksgiving enhance the joys you experience; let  
thanksgiving transcend the pains you may suffer; let  
thanksgiving sweeten the duties you must perform;  
let thanksgiving underpin even the griefs you may  
have to endure.  
**The love of our Redeemer, the care of our  
Creator and the fellowship of our Counselor,  
goes with us now and always! Amen!**

MUSIC FOR SENDING Michele Murray  
Postlude on "Nettleton" arr. James Koerts

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

THANK YOU  
for assisting in worship!  
Worship Leader:  
Music: Sanctuary Choir  
Sound Tech: Jim Hudson  
Visual Tech: Matt Stout

APOLOGY TO HOLLY RENZ  
Pastor Corinne offers her deepest apology for  
mistakenly including Holly’s name as worship leader on  
November 17.

WELCOME

Welcome to worship on Sundays and all programs &  
ministries throughout the week!

Announcements

- **GUESTS:** Welcome! There is a gift bag for you at the Welcome Center. Glad you joined us and hope you will come again!
- **COMMUNITY CAFÉ:** 110 guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **PICTORIAL DIRECTORY:** Have your photo taken as an individual, couple or family through the month of December on Sunday mornings before and after worship. If this is your church, you belong in the directory!
- **POINSETTIAS:** May be purchased in honor or memory of loved ones by Dec. 15. Forms at the Welcome Center.
- **KEEP MINISTRY ALIVE IN 2025!** Your financial gifts make ministry happen. Cards are available at the Welcome Center and in the church office. Thank you for giving to God!
- **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:** Decorating the church will occur Nov. 25-27. Contact Debbie Millikan to volunteer (765-621-6620).
- **ADVENT STUDY:** “On the Way to Bethlehem” on Mondays at 6 p.m. in N.S. Parlor beginning Nov. 25. Childcare available! All welcome!
- **GATEWAY CHRISTMAS:** Give the gift of Christmas to a Gateway Child by taking a pre-addressed envelope, placing your donation inside and mailing it to Gateway by 12/2/24. Please give what it would cost to purchase for a child.

We give thanks for today’s:  
**Ushers:** Kathy Kean, Dale Mendenhall  
**Greeters:** Betsey Bachman, Charlie & Miriam Jones  
**Fellowship Time:** The Cortes family

Weekly Schedule

Sun 11/24			
9a and 11a	Directory Photo booth	Wesley Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	Youth Group	Youth Area	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Food @ First		Downtown
Mon 11/25			
	Christmas Decorating—Downtown (Tuesday & Wednesday, too)		
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	East/West	Downtown
6:00 pm	Advent Bible Study	North/South	Downtown
6:30 pm	Alpha Brass		Downtown
Tues 11/26			
4:00 pm	AACC Rehearsals		Downtown
6:00 pm	Budget meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
Wed 11/27			
8a-12p	Gateway Thanksgiving	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook
1:00 pm	Outreach Meeting		Downtown
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
Thurs 11/28—Church Office Closed			
Fri 11/29—Church Office Closed			
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotion		Facebook
6:00 pm	Nights of Lights	Mounds State Park	Anderson
Sat 11/30			
10:00 am	AA Meeting	North/South Parlor	Downtown
6:00 pm	Nights of Lights	Mounds State Park	Anderson
Sun 12/1			
9:30 and 11am	Directory Photo Booth	Wesley Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	YA Gathering	Youth Area	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Cafe	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
6:00 pm	Nights of Lights	Mounds State Park	Anderson



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Pastors: Corinne Boruff  
Director of Family Ministries: Ally Hall  
Ministers: Congregation