
PEACE

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Denver, Pennsylvania

*To all who are weary and need rest; to all who
are lonely and need fellowship; to all who mourn
and need comfort; to all who pray and to all who do not
but ought; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to
whomsoever will come – this church opens wide the door
and says in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,
WELCOME!*



November 21, 2012
Thanksgiving Eve

Thanksgiving is nothing if not a glad and reverent lifting of the heart to God in honor and praise for our Lord's goodness.

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Give Thanks* *piano & organ*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: From the depths of our being, a song of thanks arises, and we pour out our praise for all of God's gifts:

People: Bread to empower our bodies, beauty to quicken our pulse,

Leader: Hope to enlarge our vision, love to link our lives,

People: Laughter to soften our wounds, passion to shape our maybes,

Leader: Community to face our fears.

People: And for this awesome moment to be filled with joy and touched by grace.

Leader: Let us give thanks as we worship in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. AMEN

***HYMN "Come Ye Thankful People, Come".....no. 392**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, you have given us so much. Give us one more thing. Give us thankful hearts because we know our hearts can be hard and cold. We often hold on when we should let go. We are clutching when we should be spending, hoarding when we could be generous, doubting when we should lean on faith. We are fearful instead of trusting in your everlasting care.

Open our hands and our hearts to the bounty of your love, which cares for the flowers of the fields, the birds in the air, each child who toddles, every parent who worries and every adult who struggles.

Loving God, you have given us so much. Give us again the assurance of your love and care, and fill us with grateful hearts and open hands. AMEN.

+SILENT PRAYER

(please use this time to confess your own personal sin)

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, hear the Good News and believe; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: The old self dies with Christ and we rise as a new creation! AMEN.

***GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142**

BELL CHOIR *"Let All Things Now Living"*

FIRST LESSON

CHOIR ANTHEM *"I Give You Praise"*

GOSPEL LESSON

MESSAGE

CHOIR ANTHEM *"Tapestry of Thanksgiving"*

PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN "Let All Things Now Living".....no. 389**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *C. Anthony*

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

***OFFERING RESPONSE/THE DOXOLOGY.....no. 382**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

***HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God".....no. 525**

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE

*(those who are able please *-stand, +- kneel)*

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Altar Guild Workers.....Shirley Kring and Linda Coventry

Acolyte.....TBA

Greeters.....Fred and Sally Romich

Head Usher.....Beverly Madara

We thank the combined choir from Muddy Creek, St Paul's and Peace Churches, along with the bell choir for their gift of music this night!