

**Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.** *Let us have a time of silent prayer and confession...*

\*Assurance of Pardon: *Our God is a gracious giver. God is gracious in forgiveness. God calls us to new patterns and a life that is more than abundant. We are a forgiven people! Thanks be to God! Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.*

\*Response                      **Glory Be to the Father**                      *Inside front cover*

“Passing the Peace”

   The Lord’s Prayer                      *On next page*

   Congregational Scripture Reading                      *On next page*

\*Hymn                              Count Your Blessings                      370

Meditation                      “*Have Joy in all Circumstances*”                      Rev. Thomas Emery

Offertory                      *Please place your items in the food barrel*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Response                      **A Litany of Thanksgiving**                      *Back of Bulletin*

\*Hymn                              For the Beauty of the Earth                      54

\*Taking the Light into the World

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response                      **Three Fold Amen**                      *Inside back cover*

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

## 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.**

## Scripture Reading

Give Thanks for All Things

Ephesians 5:20 “**giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**”

This is the Will of God

First Thessalonians 5:16-18 “**Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**”

Entering God’s Gates

Psalm 100:4 “**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!**”

Prayer Requests and Thanksgiving

Philippians 4:6 “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

The Offering of Thanksgiving

Psalms 116:17 “I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.”

I Thank God for You

First Corinthians 1:4 “I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ.”

Singing our Thanks

Psalms 95:2 “Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!”

### **SERMON POINTS**

God created us to be His children in a perfect environment, but we rebelled against God. Then, He offered a way back when He paid the price of our punishment for those who will receive the forgiveness.

Our loving God controls time and events through the ongoing redemption story of Christ.

Jesus offers us a life that is more than abundant despite our circumstances, a rewarding Matthew 28 mission, and eternal rewards for obedience.

#### Summary

We can have joy in all circumstances because our loving God is in control of all things. So, let us be thankful to God at all times.



*Salem Presbyterian Church*

*Thanksgiving Eve Worship, November 25, 2020*

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Hymnal: Great Hymns of the Faith

### **Order of Worship**

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship                      Responsive Reading, #15 back of Hymnal, pg. 470

\*Hymn                                      Great Is Thy Faithfulness                      40

\*Prayer of Confession    **Oh God, we know that we forget about you. We forget to love You. We forget to help our neighbors. We forget to thank You. Forgive us. Grant us clear minds to know You, new hearts to love You, and strong hands to serve You. Help us live this day, this week, and always, so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to You. Through Jesus**

## Our List of Thanksgiving

**Give thanks to the Lord who is good.**

God's love is everlasting.

**Come, let us praise God joyfully.**

Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

**For the good world;**

**for things great and small, beautiful and awesome;**

**for seen and unseen splendors;**

Thank you, God.

**For human life;**

**for talking and moving and thinking together;**

**for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;**

Thank you, God.

**For work to do and strength to work;**

**for the fellowship of labor;**

**for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;**

Thank you, God.

**For marriage;**

**for the mystery and joy of flesh made one;**

**for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared;**

**for secrets kept in love;**

Thank you, God.

**For family;**

**for living together and eating together;**

**for family amusements and family pleasures;**

Thank you, God.

**For children;**

**for their energy and curiosity;**

**for their brave play and startling frankness;**

**for their sudden sympathies;**

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**For growing up and growing old;**

**for wisdom deepened by experience;**

**for rest in leisure;**

**and for time made precious by its passing;**

Thank you, God.

**For your help in times of doubt and sorrow;**

**for healing our diseases and ailments;**

**for preserving us in temptation and danger;**

Thank you, God.

**For the church into which we have been called;**

**for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament;**

**for our life together in the Lord;**

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**For Your Holy Spirit,**

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**Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ,**

**who lived and died and lives again for our salvation;**

**for our hope in him;**

**and for the joy of serving him;**

We thank and praise you, Eternal God,

for all your goodness to us.

**Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.**

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**Keep us always in the work of Christ and Christ's Kingdom. We thank You in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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