

THANKSGIVING DAY

November 25, 2021

Eight O'clock

Thanksgiving Worship



PAW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit are in our midst.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Leader: The Lord, the Maker of all things, opens abundant arms to satisfy the desires of every living creature. Let us praise God for crowning the fields with blessings and enabling us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth.

Congregation: **Alleluia!**

*HYMN 336

"We Gather Together"

THANKSGIVING PRAYER (in unison)

Almighty and gracious Lord, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season, and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty. As you provide for our needs, help us to remember all whose need is greater. To the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 100

Leader: Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness and come before God's presence with a song.

Congregation: **Know this: The LORD alone is God; we belong to the LORD, who made us, we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving; go into the holy courts with praise; give thanks and call upon the name of the LORD.

Congregation: **For good is the LORD, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joel 2: 21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

*HYMN 37 "Let All Things Now Living"

SERMON *After the Locusts*

SPECIAL OFFERING

The Thanksgiving Offering will support the Children's Hope Alliance, which operates the Barium Spring and Grandfather children's homes in North Carolina.

OFFERTORY

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

THANKSGIVING LITANY (see back)

* HYMN 647 "Give Thanks"

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING FOR THE MEAL

* POSTLUDE

After worship, all are invited for Thanksgiving breakfast in the Chapel (West Wing). May God's blessings be strong in each of our homes as we join later today for family celebrations.

THANKSGIVING LITANY

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.
Congregation: **Let us come to God with thanksgiving.**
Leader: For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors;
Congregation: **We give you Thanks, O God.**
Leader: For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared throughout our days;
Congregation: **We give you Thanks, O God.**
Leader: For work to do and strength to work.
Congregation: **We give you Thanks, O God.**
Leader: For families; for living together and sharing our lives;
Congregation: **We give you Thanks, O God.**
Leader: For children; for their energy and curiosity;
Congregation: **We give you Thanks, O God.**
Leader: For growing up and growing old; for wisdom; for rest; for time made precious by its passing;
Congregation: **We give you Thanks, O God.**
Leader: For help in times of doubt and sorrow; for the healing of our diseases; for perseverance in temptation and danger;
Congregation: **We give you Thanks, O God.**
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord who is good;
Congregation: **For God's mercy is everlasting.**
ALL: **AMEN.**

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Elliott Hipp Pastor
Patrick McCarthy Musician

