



**First Presbyterian Church**  
at the heart of Anaheim

**November 19, 2023**





# GIVING THANKS SUNDAY

\*You are invited to stand as you are able.

**PRELUDE**                      *Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus*                      Rowland Prichard

**CHORAL INTROIT**        *A Song of Thanksgiving*                      K.K. Davis

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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.

**\*HYMN 554**                      *Let All Things Now Living*                      Ash Grove

Let all things now living, a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator  
Triumphantly raise; Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
By guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us,  
Pure light goes before us, A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.  
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,  
As forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing with glad adoration,  
A song let us raise; Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Giving God, you are the source of all blessings, and yet we often neglect to give you thanks.**

**We are, at times, too jealous to be thankful. We complain, “Why do they get everything?” and compare ourselves with those who have more. We forget how to say thank you, saying instead, “I earned this.” We are too busy to be thankful; always racing to the next thing without savoring the moment. We are too tired to be thankful. We sigh, “I just want to get through this day,” and have no energy to open our eyes to the blessings around us.**

**Awaken us to the blessings we have in you. Swell our hearts with gratitude and love. Hear us as we offer this simple prayer: For what we have received, Lord, make us truly thankful.**

### **ANTHEM**

*Thanks Be to Thee*

G. F. Handel

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

### **RESPONSE**

Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluia! Halle, Halle, Halleluia! Halleluia, Halleluia

### **TIME OF SHARED THANKSGIVING**

### **SCRIPTURE**

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

### **SERMON**

*Don't Forget the Giver*

### **OFFERING OUR PRAYERS, PRESENCE, AND PLEDGES**

Please bring your offering forward and place your pledge card and offerings on the table.

## **\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

## **\*HYMN 555**

*NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD*

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

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 in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,  
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given.  
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

## **MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Spirit of the Living God*

Lowell Alexander

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

The Rev. Kim Skilling- Pastor

Zechariah Beeker- Student Director

Tian hui Grout- Pianist

Susan Wei, Ministry Intern - Liturgist

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich – Sound and Video

# Announcements

## Worship Notes

Hearing assistance devices are available at the tech table (or ask a greeter).

For our Children: Worship activity bags are available from the greeters and we have a "Prayground", located at the front right of the Sanctuary. Nursery care is available for children up to age 6.



## Coffee Fellowship

Every Sunday in the courtyard, following the Worship Service.

### THIS WEEK

#### **Zoom Bible Study on November 8, 2023**

Wednesdays at 10am

All are invited to join to join us online: Zoom.us

Meeting ID: 608 966 196 Passcode: 5352176

#### **Chancel Choir Practice, Thursdays at 7pm and Sundays at 9:30 am**

Speak with Dr. Hughes for more details.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### **Saturday, November 18 - Ruth Vonderloh Memorial Service**

11:30 am, Fairhaven Memorial Park Mortuary Chapel,

1702 Fairhaven Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92705.

#### **November 19 is Gratitude Sunday**

10:30 am - Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication of 2024 Pledges

After Service - Congregational Meeting with update on Building Sale

**Sunday, November 19      Surviving the Holidays Grief Share Group  
at Noon in the Library**

This event will help those who have lost loved ones cope with the holidays

**November 26, 2023**

**Hanging of the Greens**

We will begin to deck the hall of our sanctuary in worship and finish after service. A light lunch will be provided

**Advent Calendars** for both adults and children will be available at church on November 26th. There will also be reverse Advent Calendars available in support of Family Promise.

**December 5, 2023**

**Gathering of Spirits**

Join us at 5:45pm at Windsor Browns for a time when our spirits encounter God's Spirit in spirited discussion on wide ranging topics.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Please continue to pray for Peggy Bennett**, as she grieves the loss of her husband, Geoffrey Bennett.

**Please pray for those in treatment for cancer:** Carole Chambers, Judy Jordan, John Harb (Kendall Schubert's father), Matthew Williams (Jack and Geri Baird's grandson), Catherine Morris, Bill Anderson (Bruce Anderson's Brother)

**Please pray for those on hospice:** Patricia Carl

**Please continue to pray for the health of:** Cathy (Kendall Harb Schubert's grandmother), Dave Lopez (Alan Lopez' brother), Harvey Taylor, Dave Lopez, , Mellody Anderson, Norma Leichtweis, Esther Fieldhouse, Luca ( son of Christina Cuddy's friend), Carol Talbot, Wanda Reynolds.

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