

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

November 20, 2022 at 10 am

*"Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind.  
Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy." (Psalms 107:21-22)*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

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### **"HE HAS MADE ME GLAD"**

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I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;  
I will enter His courts with praise.  
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made;  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

*He has made me glad, He has made me glad.  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad;  
He has made me glad, He has made me glad.  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.*

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;  
I will enter His courts with praise.  
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made;  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, 2023 STEWARDSHIP REMINDER, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION**

### **A THANKSGIVING LITANY**

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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.**

\* *Please stand if you are able*

For work to do and strength to work:  
for the comradeship 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,  
**thank you, God.**

For the young:  
for their high hopes,  
for their irreverence toward worn-out values,  
for their search for freedom,  
for their solemn vows,  
**thank you, God.**

For growing up and growing old:  
for wisdom deepened by experience,  
for rest in leisure,  
for time made precious by its passing,  
**thank you, God.**

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow:  
for healing our diseases,  
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,  
**we praise you, God.**

For your Holy Spirit,  
who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love,  
who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship,  
**we praise you, God.**

For your Son Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and lives again for our salvation:  
for our hope in him,  
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.  
**God's love is everlasting. Amen.**

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**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 mothers' 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 His 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 earth and heaven adore,  
The God who was, and is,  
And shall be evermore.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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Loving God, we gather today,  
rich in the blessing of the many good gifts you give us.  
Today we thank you for all of them.

But we also confess that sometimes  
we act as if we merit the wealth and comforts we enjoy;  
we love the gifts more than we love you;  
and too often we're driven by our desire for more and more:  
food, clothes, toys, and money.

Forgive us for not being content and thankful.  
Forgive our selfishness.  
Forgive us, for comfortably closing our eyes to those in real need.  
Help us to love you more than everything else.  
Help us to be thankful always.  
Help our hearts to be full of both thanks and giving.  
Help us to see your gifts to us as gifts for us to share.  
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*After corporate prayer we will have a few moments of silence for personal confession.*

**CHOIR: "SINE NOMINE"**

**THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE**

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Sermon: *"Living as a 'Thank You' to God"*—Chuck Guth

**Psalm 95:1-7**

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving  
and extol him with music and song.

For the LORD is the great God,  
the great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth,  
and the mountain peaks belong to him.

The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.

Come, let us bow down in worship,  
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

for he is our God  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
the flock under his care.

**Colossians 3:15-17**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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*The ceramic jars in the offering plates are designated for the Deacons' Fund **and** the World Vision Fund. Our deacons provide care, support, and financial assistance to those in the congregation in need. The World Vision Fund supports a Sponsored Child through World Vision.*

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### DOXOLOGY

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

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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### HYMN #276: "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

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Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness!*

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*Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [REFRAIN]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [REFRAIN]

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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### CHURCH CALENDAR: UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 3:** Greening of the Church (9:00 am)
- December 9:** Christmas Tree Lighting and Community Outreach (6:30 pm)
- December 15:** Session Meeting (7:00 pm)
- December 18:** Christmas Cantata: *“By Heaven’s Light”* (10:00)
- December 20:** Alzheimer’s Caregivers Support Group (1:00 pm)
- December 24** Christmas Eve Services (5:00 and 10:00 pm)