



THE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
ON THE HILL
NOVEMBER 19TH, 2017
10:15AM
SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISMS

Season of Thanksgiving
36 Years of Grateful & Grace-filled Service
November ~ 1981-2017

In Preparation *(Please meditate silently.)*

“Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.” ~Arthur Galiandro

A SIMPLE PRAYER OF THANKFULNESS

What is my prayer of thankfulness?

I thank You, Lord . . .

- *For having a warm place to stay.*
- *For having enough food to eat.*
- *For having an abundance of clothing.*
 - *For giving me friends.*
 - *For giving me kind words to say.*
- *For peace in the knowledge I belong to you.*
 - *For loving me unconditionally.*
 - *For your patience with me.*
- *For the assurance that I’m going to heaven.*
- *For the courage to not look at things as they are, but instead to look at things from God’s perspective.*
- *For your assurance that I can give all my cares and burdens to you.*
 - *For always being there to hear my prayers.*
 - *For answering some I haven’t even said yet.*
- *For making my cup to runneth over with joy when there’s absolutely no natural reason for it.*

✠ *Thank you, Lord. Amen.*

~Ann Weems

Peace Prayer

Responsive Prayer

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love,

Where there is injury, pardon

Where there is doubt, faith,

Where there is despair, hope,

Where there is darkness, light,

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much

seek to be consoled as to console,

not so much to be understood as to understand,

not so much to be loved, as to love;

for it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

it is in dying that we awake to eternal life.

~St. Francis of Assisi

Prelude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

arr. Robert Hobby

Introit

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

George Elvey

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.

God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.

Come to God’s own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God’s own field, fruit in thankful praise to yield,
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.

First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear,
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

Henry Alford

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his; we are God’s people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless God’s name.

For the Lord is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

✠ -- LATECOMERS MAY BE SEATED DURING THE SINGING -- ✠

▲ Hymn No. 336 "We Gather Together" *Kremser*

▲ The Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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

Anthem "All Good Gifts" *Schwartz/Leavitt*
Yuri Albertao, tenor soloist from Godspell

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.

He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain.

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.
So, thank the Lord for all His love.

We thank Thee, then oh Father, for all things bright and good,
the seed time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.

No gifts have we to offer for all Thy love imparts.

But that which Thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts.

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.
So thank the Lord for all His love.

I really want to thank You, Lord

Matthias Claudius (1782)

Chancel Choir

*Yuri Albertao, Michael Compoly, Marilyn Dicken, Otto Eickmeyer,
Hilary Epstein, Ed Fix, Bernice Gangaware, JP Hanly, Nancy
Kinaszuk, Barbara Lofthouse, Isaiah Mason, Bob Morris, Sandy Papp,
Cheryl Schmidt, Randy Stolze, Judy Turner, Marcia Turpin*

Minute for Mission "100 Gifts"

Life on the Hill

◆ Today (Nov. 19): ✠ Worship, 10:15am
THANKSGIVING SERVICE, BAPTISMS

◆ Monday (Nov. 20): Confirmation, 6pm
End: Operation Christmas Child

◆ Tuesday (Nov. 21): Women's and Men's Fellowship

◆ Thursday (Nov. 24): THANKSGIVING DAY

◆ Sunday (Nov. 26): ✠ Worship, 10:15am

Baptism Hymn No. 487 *see insert)*

"These Treasured Children" *Puer Nobis Nasciture*

(stanzas 1, 2)

✠ SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM ✠

Raina Kathleen Orwick

Baptism Hymn No. 487 *see insert)*

"These Treasured Children" *Puer Nobis Nasciture*

(stanzas 4, 5)

✠ SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM ✠

Kora Marie Charron

☺ Children thru 5th grade will exit to Sunday school ☺

Hear the burden of our hearts as we offer to you our silent prayers:

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God gives us new opportunities every day to start fresh and new.

**Through God's Spirit we are empowered to celebrate
life fully and to appreciate all the gifts of life, especially
family and friends.**

God, in this moment, says to start over. Begin again, now!

All is filled with hope. Amen!

Song of Assurance No. 647 "Give Thanks" *Give Thanks*

(with a Grateful Heart)

Scripture Lesson



Luke 17:11-19NIV

Elder Ed Kelsey

(see bulletin,
or page 80, pew Bible)

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

¹⁴When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Presenting our Gifts

Offertory **“We Gather Together”** *arr. John Carter*

▲ Dedication Hymn No. 643

“Now Thank We All Our God” *Nun Danket Alle Gott*
*“Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has 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.”*

▲ Prayer of Dedication

▲ Passing of the Peace and Greeting One Another

Message **“Ever Feel Like a Leper”** *Pastor Turner*

Prayers of the People

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us; for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,

We thank you, O God.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women and youth and children, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, O God.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our

friends,

We thank you, O God.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, O God.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, O God.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, O God.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

We thank you, O God.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

We thank you, O God.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**To Christ be praise and glory, with you, O God,
and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.**

▲ Hymn No. 39 **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”** *Faithfulness*

▲ Benediction

▲ Postlude **“St. George’s Windsor”** *arr. Noel Ransthorpe*
(▲ All who are able, please stand.)

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Leadership and Administrative Staff

Bill Turner, Pastor

Lisa Keller, Director of Christian Ed. & Nurture

Jeff Unger, Director of Music/Organist

Bonnie Carle, Nursery Supervisor

Isaiah C. Mason, Director of Children’s & Youth Music

Sharon Fix, Clerk of Session

Stephen Lofthouse, Head Usher

Dot French, STEPHEN MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Michael Compoly, TREASURER

Judy Quitne, DEACON MODERATOR

Joe McCormick, PROPERTY MANAGER

Jackie Colin, ADMIN. ASSISTANT/OFFICE SUPERVISOR

Letitia Jensen, WORSHIP PREPARATION COORDINATOR

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We sincerely welcome all who have come to worship the Creator of us all. As brothers and sisters, let us give evidence that we belong to the family of God. Extend the hand

of friendship to those around you, and be grateful for the gift of friends and family. If you are in need of pastoral care or perhaps a listening ear, please speak to Pastor Turner, or one of our Elders, Deacons, or Stephen Ministers.

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**The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God
 in Honor of my daughters, Kim and Joy, by Marilyn Dicken.**

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**The red roses on the chancel table are given
 in celebration of the Baptism of Raina Kathleen
 Orwick, born April 5, 2017.**

The Parents are Jenny & Clifton Orwick.

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**The red roses on the chancel table are given in
 celebration of the Baptism of Kora Marie Charron,
 born October 11, 2017.**

The Parents are Jamie & Joseph Charron.

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Serving Today

†**Greeter:** Pat Lee

†**Ushers:** Team 5: Elda Gall, Capt., Bill Brown, Robin Compoly,
 Guy Rayner, Roger Stewart

†**Fellowship Time:** Michael & Robin Compoly

†**Flower Duty:** Sherri Ryan, Stephanie Toth

†**Trustee Duty:** Linda Klose, Mike Ryan

†**Sunday Preparation:** 11/18, Diana & Tom Griffith;
 11/25, Letitia Jensen

**Life on the Hill Notes
 November 19th**

NURSERY CARE

TODAY

Jamie Montero

Nov. 26 Rebecca Hanly Dec. 3 Jean Brown

Dec. 10 _____ Dec. 17 _____



Children & Youth Team Leaders

Today

Pre-k & Kindergarten

(brick classroom)

Shirley Carle
 Stephanie Toth

1st – 5th Grade

(fellowship hall)

Judy Quitne
 Meghan Pringle

6th – 12th Grade

(youth room)

No Sunday School
 Thanksgiving Service

Nov. 26th

Jessica Compoly
 Cheryl Schleuss

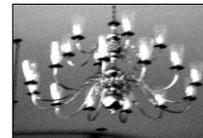
Laura Ransom
 Sherri Ryan

Anne Pagnoni
 Kelli Tobin



Thanks to Yuri Albertao for singing the tenor solo in our anthem. He is a native of Brazil, who now lives in Ocean Grove. Lucky for us!

SANCTUARY "SPRUCE-UP" MORNING



**Thank You
 for your Help!**



- ✿ Jackie Colin ✿ Michael Compoly ✿ Katherine Cunningham
- ✿ Marilyn Dicken ✿ Rick Digurski ✿ Kelly Donahue
- ✿ Kent Donahue ✿ Kurt Kaboth ✿ John Kinasczuk
- ✿ Nancy Kinasczuk ✿ Joanie Kralyovich ✿ Lloyd Pearson
- ✿ Mike Ryan ✿ Guy Rayner ✿ Randy Stolze ✿ Bill Weller



12 Baskets for Ocean Township

**Special Thanks to all
 who brought food for
 the Deacon Baskets
 for our Ocean Twp.
 Thanksgiving food
 drive!**



Family Promise

...TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED!

Jan Black, Maureen Bonney, Jackie Colin, Michael Compoly,
Robin Compoly, Erv Coons, Carol Cox, Alyssa Degurski,
Rick Degurski, Marilyn Dicken, Kim Dicken, Hilary Epstein, Ed Fix,
Dot French, Wally French, Elda Gall, Diana Griffith, Holly Hansen, Jack
Hansen, Will Hansen, Letitia Jensen, Ralph Jensen, Linda Klose, Del
Kunert, Janet Lee, Barbara Lofthouse, Gee McCormick, Deanne Nirider,
Lloyd Pearson, Guy Rayner, Wendy Robinson, Bea Rogers, Connie Perry,
Sue Schmidt, Sandy Pristas, John Quitne, Judy Quitne,
Lois Rossetti, Barbara Steckhahn, Jill Vacchiano, Aimee Tersy, Bill
Toth, Stephanie Toth, Billy & Ryan Toth, Bill Turner,
Dinah Wideman, Buffy Zazzo



Saturday Soup Kitchen at Trinity

The Trinity Soup Kitchen is in need of volunteers Saturday, Dec. 2nd. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of the church. Questions? Please see/call Holly Hansen at 732-493-0015.



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THANKSGIVING DAY HISTORY

"The First Thanksgiving"

Thanksgiving and the Pilgrims seem to go together, but the truth is, the Pilgrims never held an autumnal Thanksgiving feast. Before you cancel the turkey, take a look at the origin of that particular myth. In some ways, the truth is even more intriguing.

The Pilgrims did have a feast in 1621, after their first harvest, and it is this feast which people often refer to as "The First Thanksgiving". This feast was never repeated, though, so it can't be called the beginning of a tradition, nor was it termed by the colonists or "Pilgrims" a Thanksgiving Feast. In fact, to these devoutly religious people, a day of thanksgiving was a day of prayer and fasting, and would have been held any time that they felt an extra day of thanks was called for. Nevertheless, the 1621 feast has become a model that we think of for our own Thanksgiving celebration and we do know something of the truth about it.

We can assume, for example, that the harvest feast was eaten outside based on the fact that the Colonists didn't have a building large enough to accommodate all the people who came. Native people were definitely among the invited guests,

and it's possible, even probable, that turkey (roasted but not stuffed) and pumpkin in some form, found their way to the table. And it gets better. This is the way the feast was described in a first-hand account presumably by a leader of the colony, Edward Winslow, as it appears in Mourt's Relation:

"Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl as, with a little help beside, served the company almost a week. At which time, amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, Many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest King Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our governor, and upon the captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful as it was this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want that we often wish you partakers of our plenty."

From this we know that the feast went on for three days , included ninety "Indians", and food was plentiful. In addition, to the venison provided by the Indians, there was enough wild fowl to supply the village for a week. The fowl would have included ducks, geese, turkeys and even swans.

Much of the information we have about the feast, and this period in the lives of these people, is the result of research conducted by the staff at Plymouth Plantation. From this research we know about the foods that would have been available to them, and from two first hand accounts (the second was written by William Bradford, Governor of the colony for 33 years, and can be read in *Of Plymouth Plantation 1620-1647*), we have a good idea of how the village looked, what the colonists wore, how they spoke, what animals

they owned and how they lived. We even know what games they played, what their views may have been on everything from their new home to religion and politics.

The modern American Thanksgiving tradition grew over time taking on mythical elements. It functions as a myth of beginnings, very similar to the Passover celebration. An origination myth like the story of the Pilgrims has roots in historic events and has the power to unify persons from all backgrounds, immigrants from different cultures and languages. People with ethnic roots in Europe, Africa, Australia, Asia, Latin America along with native American people can come together on Thanksgiving Day to find meaning and strength in a common story of origin in which they can all partake by celebrating it.

For Thanksgiving Day
Deuteronomy 26:1-15 NIV
First Fruits and Tithes

¹When you have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, ²take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name ³and say to the priest in office at the time, “I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the Lord your God. ⁵Then you shall declare before the Lord your God: “My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. ⁶But the Egyptians mistreated

us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor. ⁷Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. ⁸So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. ⁹He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; ¹⁰and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.” Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before him. ¹¹Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household.

¹²When you have finished setting aside a tenth of all your produce in the third year, the year of the tithe, you shall give it to the Levite, the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that they may eat in your towns and be satisfied. ¹³Then say to the Lord your God: “I have removed from my house the sacred portion and have given it to the Levite, the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, according to all you commanded. I have not turned aside from your commands nor have I forgotten any of them. ¹⁴I have not eaten any of the sacred portion while I was in mourning, nor have I removed any of it while I was unclean, nor have I offered any of it to the dead. I have obeyed the Lord my God; I have done everything you commanded me. ¹⁵Look down from heaven, your holy dwelling place, and bless your people Israel and the land you have given us as you promised on oath to our ancestors, a land flowing with milk and honey.”