



Join us this Sunday at 9:30 or 11:00 as we celebrate God and thank Him for all he has provided!

Pastor's sermon is titled "How To Keep Thanksgiving Alive" from Colossians 1:11-20.

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We're looking forward to the Doug Jablonski Men's Fellowship dinner tomorrow night which will benefit the continuing work of Sister Jean Webster. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30; dinner at 6:00. Cost is \$15pp.

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If you haven't picked up your Stewardship packet, please do so Sunday. If you do have it, please turn in your estimate of giving card in the offering plate. We need your support.

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Next Wednesday at 7:00pm there will be a community Thanksgiving service at the Church of St. Mark and All Saints on Pitney Road in Galloway. Rev. Heather Sugden of Reformation Lutheran will preach. Our pastor will assist. Refreshments will follow in the church hall.

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The sacrament of communion will be observed Sunday, December 1, at both services. Please join us at our Lord's Table as we begin the season of Advent together.

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CHRISTMAS CAR-ROLLING!!! Give a gift that will be treasured for years to come - one that truly warms the heart. Bring the Christmas Spirit right in to the homes of those whom Christ has called us to delight in a very special way. We're looking for 10-15 carolers per trip, each Friday evening in December (meeting at 6pm at the church). SIGN UP SHEETS ARE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. We'll share cookies-n-cocoa somewhere special at the end of each caroling event. Thank you! *The deacons are making 50 special Christmas packages for us to deliver, so we will be making a lot of stops. (Please answer the door if we ring!)*

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There will be a special meeting of the congregation between services Sunday, December 1, for the sole purpose of electing church officers. Please plan on being with us for this special time of practicing the distinctives of our Presbyterian government.

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Starting December 2 we will be setting up Christmas decorations. Please come and help. Church mailboxes will be available on Dec. 8.

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Our Christmas presentation and Birthday party for Jesus will be on **December 8th.** (*There will be one service at 10:00 that day.*) We will be collecting warm hats, mittens and scarfs for Sister Jean's guests, please remember those less fortunate this Christmas. Sign ups for the pot luck luncheon for the Birthday Party for Jesus will be in Madden Hall in between services. Kids will be treated to Chicken Nuggets and fries. It's going to be a great day of fellowship so please come on out.

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GOBBLE! GOBBLE! GOBBLE! Our "Helping Hands" Turkey Feather sale raised \$75 for Sister Jean's. Our Turkey looks great! Take a peak around, and you'll find him. THANK YOU. - Lions & Lambs and A2J

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Here we are once again gearing up for the big Holiday Rush. But before all the shopping begins we celebrate Thanksgiving. A time we gather with family and friends, indulge in delectable dishes served only at special occasions and share what's been happening in our lives since the last big family gathering. We stuff ourselves with turkey, stuffing, green bean casserole, potatoes and gravy, candied or marshmallow yams and pies. Oh, the Pies! And we are indeed grateful.

But how do we show our thanks? Yes, we inhale Mom's pumpkin pie and give her a hug afterwards for such a great meal. We appreciate seeing our relatives (and maybe appreciate their leaving just as much). But when the day is done, the kitchen is sparkly clean again, the football games are over and the quiet settles around you - then what? Ah, then we are thankful the day went fairly well and everyone is gone.

Thanksgiving can be so much more. Look at the word itself – ThanksGiving.

Are you Thankful that you have a wonderful family – parents, kids, spouse, aunts, uncles, cousins? Then maybe Give some time to someone who doesn't have anyone else. Take them shopping with you, chat over a cup of tea or just take a few minutes and give them a call, a note or a card to let them know you care.

Are you Thankful that your refrigerator and pantry are full? That all you need to make a hearty meal is all right there? Then Give some basic items (coffee, sugar, flour, cereal) to a local food bank or soup kitchen.

Are you Thankful that your closet is filled with an assortment of clothing and shoes for any sort of weather? Then Give to a local shelter or mission tending to the needs of many who are wearing every piece of clothing they own just to keep warm.

Are you Thankful you have a warm home and a bed to sleep in every night? Then Give to a local agency like Habitat for Humanity. And remember, they can use donations of your time and talent as well if you are able.

Don't get me wrong, I know times are tough right now. Many are suffering from financial hardships, loss of employment, etc. You might be looking at your "glass" as only half full. But you have a glass, and there's something in it! Many do not. Would you consider sharing some of what you have? Many times I've held back but then found that there is enough to meet our daily needs and then a little bit more. It's the little bit more that I'm talking about. We have a choice. Do we take the little bit more and use it to treat ourselves (not a bad thing on occasion) or share it with someone less fortunate?

Giving thanks is not a once a year thing. Expressions of thanks should be given year round. Together we can learn to Live our Thanks through Giving.

The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday next week for the Thanksgiving holiday. We wish you and yours a Blessed Thanksgiving.

Due to the holiday, the deadline for all Sunday bulletin information is bright'n early o'clock Monday morning!

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Sunday Servants

Lay Assistants

9:30 Ginni Stadler
11:00 Rev. Gerry Reedell

Deacons Guest Book

9:30 Naida Burgess
11:00 Mary Bew

Head Ushers

9:30 Ron & Joyce Pfeiffer
11:00 Tina Brown, Jean Delesantro

Acolyte

9:30 Sam Burgess

Collection

9:30 Roy Birkbeck

Nursery

9:30 Jennifer Platt

Refreshments

Betty Price

Van Driver

Vic Abelson

Breakfast Club Kitchen Crew

Set-up – Jordan & Christian Hawkes
Cook – Bryan Hawkes
Clean-up – Olga Davies, Jean Delesantro

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Please Remember in Prayer

Helen Sarkis
Nelson Haws
Typhoon and tornado victims

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This Week in Our Church . . .

Sunday

8:45 Breakfast

9:30 Sunday School & Worship

10:30 Refreshments

11:00 Worship & A₂J

6:00 Pastors' Book Study

Monday *Deadline for Sunday Bulletin Information*

1:30 Bible Study

6:00 Senior Youth

Tuesday

Wednesday

7:00 Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Mark & All Saints

Thursday *Happy Thanksgiving!*

Office Closed

Friday

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Saturday