

Today is Thanksgiving Sunday and throughout the world, faithful communities of Christians gather to give thanks to God and share with others. Gathering as Christians, celebrating God's bounty and sharing with God's children are important whether celebrating Thanksgiving in Macedonia during October, the Philippines throughout the year, Liberia in November, Zimbabwe during July, or the United States on the fourth Thursday of November. The difference is that while many festive gatherings in the United States begin with prayers of gratitude or acknowledgment of blessings, thanksgiving celebrations in other parts of the world are more worship- and church-centered – and fasting rather than feasting may be central. In all the settings, giving in gratitude is part of the practice.

visitors

We are glad you are here!

Find more information at the Welcome Center.

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Please follow along on the Sanctuary screen.

» Indicates standing when able

Prelude

Welcome

We connect with each other

» Entrance Hymn

We prepare to listen #131 - We Gather Together

» Call to Worship

God speaks to us

» Opening Prayer

We respond to God

Music Ministry

Scripture

God speaks to us  
Ephesians 3:14-21 ICB,  
Ephesians 1:3-14 ICB

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message

"Trusting Grace"

» Hymn

We respond to God's Word #133 - Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

We respond to God #715 - Rejoice, the Lord is King

God's Blessing

We go forth to learn & share

Postlude

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## events & programs

**altar flowers** If you are interested in providing flowers for worship, sign up on the kiosk in front of the Welcome Center. Today the altar flowers are provided by Shirley & Mark Westphal in celebration of their 30th Anniversary.

### Today

**9:00 & 11:00 Worship**

#### **Intergenerational Faith Formation Class (IFF)**

10:00 a.m.  
Brunch & Brainstorm  
Fellowship Hall

#### **Adult Education Class**

10:00 a.m.  
New Series "David" -  
Community Room

#### **Confirmation**

7:00 p.m. - Library

### Coming up this week

#### **Thanksgiving Eve. Service**

November 24, 7:00 p.m.

#### **Happy Thanksgiving**

November 25 & 26  
Office Closed

#### **No Men's Study Group**

### Looking Forward

#### **12 Days of Christmas Fundraiser**

Bake Sale and Art/Craft Sale - Sundays: 11/28, 12/5, 12/12. Give generously and get your Christmas shopping done early and made with love!

## People I met/am praying for

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## Notes

Scripture for today: *Ephesians 3:14-21 ICB, Ephesians 1:3-14 ICB*

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Sign up today to purchase poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary for the Dec.19 and the Christmas Eve Services in honor of or memory of a loved one. The cost is \$10.00 each. They may be taken home any time after the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. The sign-up sheet is on the kiosk in front of the Welcome Center. The order deadline is Sunday, December 5.

contribute  
poinsettias

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