

Throughout the world, faithful communities of Christians gather to give thanks to God and to share with others.

For United Methodists the world over, Psalm 100:4 sets the stage for thanksgiving. The Message says it well, "Enter with the password: 'Thank you!' Make yourselves at home, talking praise. Thank him. Worship him."

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 to benefit those facing hardships is part of the practice.

### visitors

**We are glad you are here!**

Find more information at the Welcome Center.

# order of worship 11 24 21

## 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

Thank you, Lord - Baloché

### A Creed of Gratitude

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### » Hymn

*We respond to listen*  
#694 - Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

### Scripture

*God speaks to us*  
Psalm 100, Colossians 3:12-17

### The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God!*

### Message

"Always Grateful"

### » Hymn

*We respond to God's Word*  
#102 - Now Thank We All Our God

### Closing Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

### Closing Hymn

*We respond to God*  
#77 - How Great Thou Art

### 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 Fellowship Hall.

### Looking Forward

**9:00 & 11:00 Worship**  
Sunday, November 28  
First Sunday of Advent

**Intergenerational Faith Formation Class (IFF)**  
Sunday, November 28  
Advent Study begins

**Adult Education Class**  
Sunday, November 28  
"David"  
Community Room

**12 Days of Christmas Fundraiser**  
Bake Sale and Art/Craft Sale - Sundays: 11/28, 12/5, 12/12.

**Men's Study Group**  
December 2, 7:00 a.m.  
PJ Pipers, Cedarburg

**Fireplace Fellowship**  
December 2, 6:00 p.m.  
Pizza & board games  
Fellowship Hall

**Mary Martha Circle**  
December 8, 12:00 p.m.  
PJ Piper, Cedarburg

**Women of Faith**  
December 13, 11:30 a.m.  
Christmas Luncheon  
Libby Montana, Mequon

## People I met/am praying for

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## Notes

Scripture for today: *Psalm 100, Colossians 3:12-17*

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Sign up 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.

learn more  
poinsettias

## connect

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