

*Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
Thanksgiving Sunday, November 21, 2021
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
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Church Family News (PDF Attachment)

Prelude: *Come Ye Thankful People Come*
<https://youtu.be/fIWwBTrcW-I>

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Choral Call to Worship # 628 *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord*
Sing along with the Anabaptist Community Choir: <https://youtu.be/SWuTvpivEmY>

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Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.
Praise, I will praise you Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.
Love, I will love you Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.
Serve, I will serve you Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Call to Worship:

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!

Hymn of Praise # 336 *We Gather Together*
Sing along with Chris Brunelle - <https://youtu.be/L2MADFWecOI>

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**We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.**

**Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;**

so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Call to Confession: Woza Nomthwalo Wakho (Come, Bring Your Burdens to God)
Sing along with: <https://youtu.be/IgSHi1OslXk> (African and English)

South African Tune

Come, bring your burdens to God;
come, bring your burdens to God;
come, bring your burdens to God,
for Jesus will never say no.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Our Father, forgive us when we refuse to come to the banquet, when we stand outside and murmur against the extravagance and injustice of your grace. Forgive our silly righteousness, our lethal pride, our efforts to live off the abundance of ourselves. Impoverish us, we pray, so that we might be filled with Christ, with the bread of life and the wine of the Spirit. So may we learn the manners of the kingdom and find our places around the table of your love, (moment of silent confession). We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness:
come before his presence with singing.
Know ye that the Lord he is God:
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise:
be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth to all generations.

Special Music: *For the Beauty of the Earth* arranged by John Ritter

The Cambridge Singers: <https://youtu.be/1bDoMflYErE>

New Testament Reading: Luke 15:11-32

Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread

enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

Sermon: "Seeing With New Eyes" (PDF attachment)

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Affirmation of Faith:

I see God skiing in the snow-capped mountains.

I see God suffering with the ragged guy begging for help.

I see God sharing in the worship services at our church.

I see God playing in graphic artistry.

I see God enjoying diverse cultures: how they live, work, and play.

I see God crying for the poor children of war-torn countries.

I see God thrilled by all the unique babies born each day.

I see God ablaze at sunrise and sunset.

I see God in you! I see God in me!

(written by Eleanor Hubbard, USA)

Hymn of Meditation # 643 *Now Thank We All Our God*

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https://youtu.be/UFN9hxne2_o - Huddersfield Choral Society, Joseph Cullen

**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 God's 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 heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bounteous God, you have lavished your finest gifts on each one of us. We thank you for the many ways in which you have blessed our lives--with love, hope, friends, our church, and so many other things that we cherish. Help us be a blessing for others--that they may come to know you and rejoice in your love. Give us hearts of courage and confidence to step out into the world in service, bringing hope where there is doubt, peace where there is strife, love where there is discord. These things we pray in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray: Our Father... Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

On this Sunday when we celebrate Thanksgiving for all that God has done for us and given us, we have the opportunity to decide how we will express our gratitude for all God's blessings. What will you offer this week to God of your time, your talents, and your resources to further God's work in the world?

Doxology # 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

Sing along with Welch College: <https://youtu.be/LJKPmPyy-pQ>

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Holy God, you are generous and kind. You faithfully give us what we need to live, with enough to share. We are grateful, and hope that we never take your blessings for granted. Thank you for the opportunity to give back a portion of your goodness to us. May your purposes be fulfilled through these gifts and offerings. We pray in your precious name. Amen.

Hymn of Sending # 37 *Let All Things Now Living*

Sing along with Lebanon County Youth Chorus: <https://youtu.be/KpMCE1G3N7Q>

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.**

**His law he enforces, the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!" Amen.**

Charge and Benediction:

As our time our worship concludes, our time of service begins.
We return to our living and working amidst a world of need.
As you walk into a new week,
carry with you the knowledge that you are recipients of God's gifts.
As we go, we vow to share those gifts with the world around us.

And may God walk with us as we travel life's road. Amen.

Choral Benediction: *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Sung by Santa Rosa High School Alumni Choir: https://youtu.be/LuNMI_Kq4oY