

Thanksgiving Sunday

November 24, 2013

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**The Approach to God**

**PRELUDE**

*“Raise the Songs of Harvest”*  
Hand Bell Choir

Larson

**CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

*“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”*

**PRAYER FOR OUR CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Psalm 65)

**You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it;  
You crown the year with your bounty;  
Your wagon tracks overflow with richness.  
The pastures overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,  
The meadows clothe themselves with flocks  
The valleys deck themselves with grain,  
They shout and sing together for joy.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #525**

*“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

(unison)

Almighty God, you truly are the giver of all good gifts. You have given us this earth, and the bounty of the fields and forests. You have given us a blessed nation where we can enjoy freedom. You have given each one of us life, and all that we need to enjoy that life. And you gave us the greatest gifts of all, the gift of your Son and the gift of salvation through him. Accept our worship this morning as our thanksgiving to you, and give us the gifts of your presence this morning and throughout this coming week. Amen.

**CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE**

***Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.*** (repeat)

***And now let the weak say, “We are strong!”***

***Let the poor say, “We are rich  
because of what the Lord has done for us.”***

***Oh Lord I Thank You.....all the days of my life.***

**RESPONSIVE READING #24 Psalm 100** (Page 494 Hymnal)

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC** *"Thank You, God"* Williams  
Chancel Choir

**The Word of God**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE** **Colossians 1:9-20** (Pg. 155 New Testament)

**MOMENT FOR CHILDREN**

**\*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

**\*HYMN #524** *"We Plow the Fields"*

**SERMON** **"Thanksgiving"**

**Our Response to God**

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed (Page 12 Hymnal)

**RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC** *"The Lord is Blessing Me Right Now"*

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #18** *"We Gather Together"*

**\*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE** *"Thank You, Lord"*

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*The congregation may stand.

**TODAY'S STEWARDS**

Greeter:

Ushers: John Ferris, Walt & Lucy Paradies, Liz White

Nursery: Ed & Melissa Matson

Fellowship: Nancy Dey & Barbara Nickel

## NEXT WEEK'S STEWARDS (December 1):

Greeter:

Ushers: Aaron & Shawna Guikema, Pete & Barbara Nickel

Nursery:

Fellowship: Jane & Jeff DeWitt

### SOUP, SANDWICH AND SCRIPTURE

Back by popular demand, this Advent study will be on Thursday beginning December 5. We will meet at noon and try to finish close to 1. Pastor Chuck will provide the soup; you can provide your own sandwich if you'd like; and we'll all discuss the Scripture together. This year we will look at the characters who fill "supporting roles" in the story of Jesus' birth. If you are interested in this study, see Pastor Chuck and he will provide you with the readings for the first week.

### TAX FREE IRA DISTRIBUTIONS

For the remainder of 2013, you may be able to make a tax free distribution from a qualified 401(k) or IRA directly to a qualifying charitable organization. If you are older than 70 1/2 this distribution may be applied to your RMD (Required Minimum Distribution). This ability will probably not continue into 2014. See your financial adviser for complete details.

### DORCAS MINISTRIES

Dorcas Ministries is hosting a week-long Job Training Workshop presented by Step Up Ministry. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Dorcas Training Center at 187 High House Road, Cary Plaza. Learn everything you need to know to find a job: Resume Writing, Interviewing Skills, Networking, Tips for Jobs Searching PLUS: Free Breakfast and Lunch Daily, Free Interview Suit and Job Placement Service. Call to Register 919-781-0156

### FOOD NEEDED FOR DORCAS PANTRY

The Dorcas Food Pantry has seen a 30% uptick in food demand the last few months and the shelves are running bare. Can you please help? The most needed items are: baking items, cereal, vegetable soup, mixed veggies, pinto beans, canned fruit, applesauce, pasta meals, canned chicken & beef stew.

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!