

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Next Week - Advent Begins –

Dec. 7 Holy Communion.

Live Nativity in Urbana; 6, 7, & 8 pm

24 Christmas Eve Service 7pm

9 pm at Wesley Chapel

CALL TO WORSHIP

PS 100

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

Remember that our God is the only God—

the One who made us, the One who sustains us,

the One whose Spirit lives within us.

Let us come into God's presence

with thanksgiving and praise.

For God is good, with unfailing love that lasts forever,

and faithfulness that extends to all generations.

HYMN: All creatures of our God and King 62

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds

by the power of your Holy Spirit,

that as the Scriptures are read

and your Word is proclaimed,

we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: **Deuteronomy 26:1-11**
Philippians 4:4-9
John 6:25-35

CONFESSION

from re-worship.blogspot.com

by Kevin Little.

O God, we know that we forget about you,

we forget to love you,

we forget to help our neighbours,

we forget to thank you.

**Forgive us. Grant us clear minds to know you,
new hearts to love you strong hands to serve you
Help us live this day, this week, and always
so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you. Amen.**

(a moment of silence for private confession)

*God did not send Christ into the world to condemn the world,
but to be its Saviour.*

We can trust God's word.

We are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!

CHOIR: To God be the glory, great things he hath done 98

SERMON

HYMN: Come, ye thankful people come 694

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INTERCESSIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

BRINGING OUR GIFTS

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*Out of gratitude for all that God has already done,
and with hope for all that God will yet do,
we bring our tithes and offerings for God's work among us.*

DOXOLOGY Now thank we all our God 102

Note: *Not our usual Doxology!*

PRAYER

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*by Carol Penner
from re-worship.blogspot.com
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*For all the ways you love us, we say
For the ways you provide for us, we say
For the opportunity to give, we say
For the kingdom work this offering will do, we say
For letting us be a part of your work, we say*

**THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!**

**May the thankful words on our lips
and the thankful meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to you, O God, our rock and our redeemer.
Amen.**

HYMN:

For the beauty of the earth

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DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

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*Go into the world showing a gentle attitude toward everyone.
Be joyful and thankful!*

*Fill your mind with those things that are good and deserve praise:
things true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honourable.
Put into practice what you have heard here.
And may the God who gives peace be with each of you.*

**All: We go in the peace of Christ
to love and serve all creation. Amen**

POSTLUDE

Victory in Jesus

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*Note: Kevin Little is using British spelling conventions,
using “-our-”, where usually we might use only “-or-”.
Examples: Neighbours, Saviour, and honourable.*

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*Now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground
that you, O Lord, have given me.
Deut. 26:10*

November. 23, 2025

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

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Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

Year C – Thanksgiving Sunday – November 23, 2025

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Scriptures: for Thanksgiving Day – Not the usual Lectionary set for today

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Philippians urges us to be mindful of our thought life. It is easy to become mired in negative, critical and harmful ways of thinking. Is it easy for you to bring your concerns to God with joy and thanksgiving? How might you cultivate this discipline? Are there persons whom you might imitate?

Why do you think Jesus criticized those who came to him in this Gospel lesson? Do you think they understood him? How would you try to explain him to someone else who has questions about this passage?

Prayer: ~ written by St. Boniface (ca. 672-754)

Eternal God, the refuge and help of all your children,
we praise you for all you have given us,
for all you have done for us,
for all that you are to us.

In our weakness, you are strength,
in our darkness, you are light,
in our sorrow, you are comfort and peace.

We cannot number your blessings,
we cannot declare your love:

For all your blessings we bless you.

May we live as in your presence,
and love the things that you love,
and serve you in our daily lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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