

# ***Thanksgiving Sunday*** ***November 24, 2024***

Hymn Sing

Welcome, Announcements and Passing the

Call to Worship: (Based on Psalm 100)

L: Let us come into God's presence with singing - let all the earth make a joyful noise and worship the Lord with gladness.

**P: "I will enter his courts with thanksgiving in my heart!"**

**We enter this place with thanksgiving because we know that the Lord to whom we belong is our Shepherd and our King.**

L: We rejoice over the steadfast love and faithfulness of God enduring forever - to all generations.

**ALL: Come, let us worship God with praise and joy, and with thanksgiving in our hearts. Alleluia!**

\*Opening Hymn "Come Ye Thankful People Come" Page 694

Opening Prayer

Children's Sermon - "Count Your Blessings"

Prayer of Confession for Thanksgiving

L: Let us be in the spirit of prayer...Dear Lord, help us give thanks in all circumstances.

**P: We confess there are times we focus on what we do not have and not how blessed we are.**

L: We pray for forgiveness when we forget to say thank you.

**P: Forgive us for being too busy to be thankful; that we allow our to-do list to overwhelm us and distract us.**

L: We repent of being grudgingly thankful and not filled with the Holy Spirit.

**P: We pray for all who are too tired to be thankful, who sigh, "I just want to get through this day," and who have no energy to**

**open their eyes to the blessings around them.**

L: Forgive us for not being generous with our gratitude as we hold back from rejoicing always in you.

**P: Without your help Lord....we will forget how you have delivered us, provided for us, and have given us a blessed life.**

**ALL: We ask you to free us from our ingratitude and foolish pride and fill us with the riches of your grace. Move us to be fully aware of all you have given us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness (Matthew 6:25-33)

L: Jesus has taught us to look at the birds of the air and the lilies of the field to learn that God provides. We accept this teaching and see that, through Jesus, we are forgiven, we are loved and God has provided.

**ALL: Amen!**

Offering "Give Thanks"

Doxology Page 95

\*Hymn "We Gather Together" Page 131

Scripture Deuteronomy 8:10-20 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19  
Matthew 6:19-21

Sermon *Living A Blessed Life- the Power of Gratitude!*

Solo "JIREH" Daniel Shinabarger

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn "Now Thank Thee All Our God" Page 102

Benediction

Lay Readers

8:30 am: Misti Hedges

10:00 am: James Tinsley

Coffee Hour

Jeanine Farrell

Joyce Bartlett

Join us for coffee hour after the service each Sunday in our Solarium. If this is your first time, please fill out the registration pad in the pew. Reminder: We want to get to know each other. If you see someone you don't know, greet them and introduce yourself

## ***Church Happenings***

**Alternative Giving for Christmas:** . We heartily welcome you to join us in celebrating and supporting A Baby Center, CHAMP Homes, HAC, the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Miracle Kitchen, Safe Harbor Women's Shelter, homeless Veterans, Toys For Tots, Dress a Live Doll, plus our International Missions in Sierra Leone. This opportunity will end on 12/8.

**Bright Promises is collecting goods for deployed military personnel.** Hand warmers, PB Nature Valley granola bars, Body Wash, Body Lotion, Hand Lotion Chewing Gum. There is a Basket in the Solarium for these items.

**This year we will be offering BIC Gift Cards again for Christmas.** Kathy Sandell will be here each Sunday to take your orders and the list of cards available is included in this bulletin.

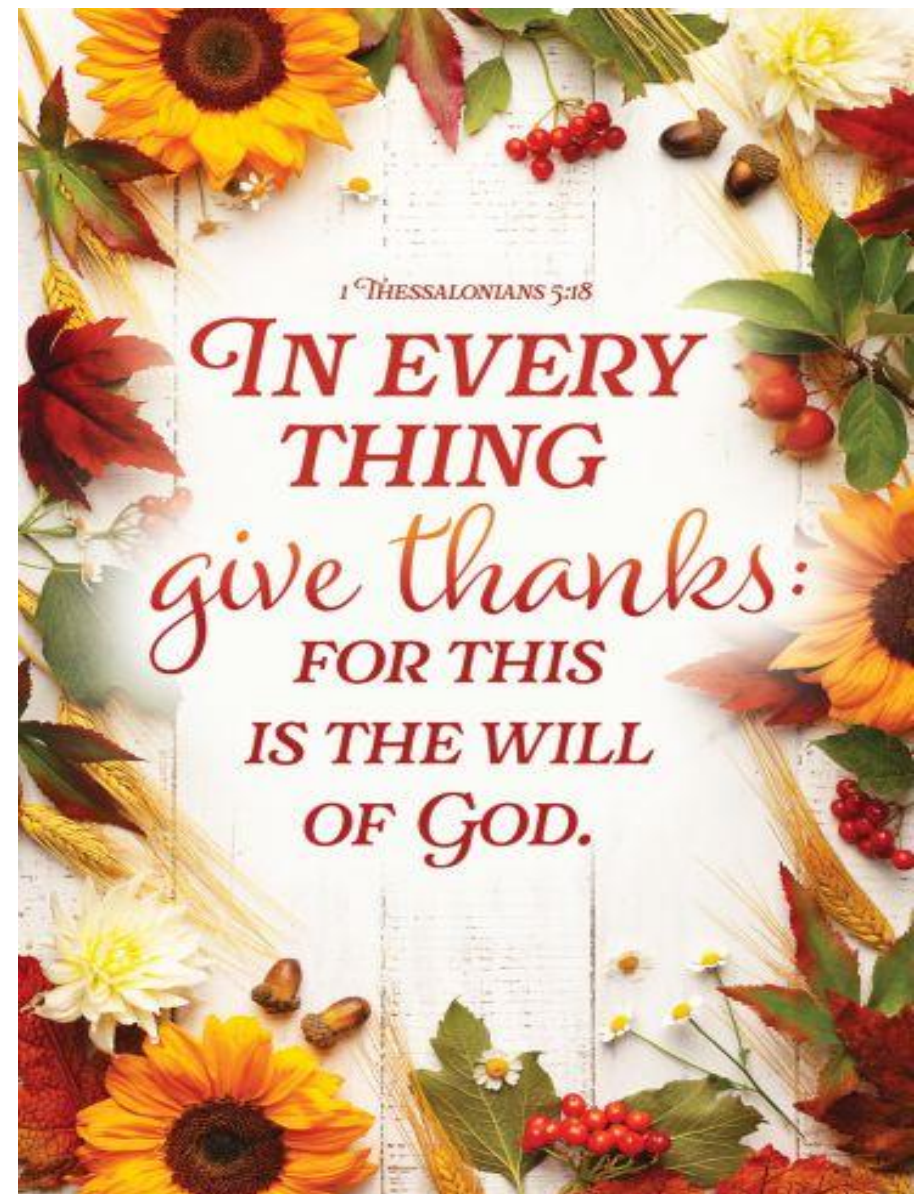
**The Esprit Group Holiday Concert** will be on Sunday, December 8 at 2 pm.

**OUMC Christmas Sing-a-Long with Daniel** is on Wednesday December 18 at 6:30 pm

**New Directories are available.** They are In the Solarium.

**Men's Fellowship Group** will meet on Tuesday morning at 10 am in the Solarium. Questions, call Pastor John 508-451-5858.

**Pastor John offers a Bible Study session every Thursday** morning at 10 am. He covers the Scripture that is offered during the following Sunday services. All are welcome to join the group. We are inviting people to join us via Zoom as well



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