



# COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

*Grateful  
to God*

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Sunday, November 21, 2021

7:00 pm





**Community Thanksgiving Service**  
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**Your local Youtube Channel**

**WELCOME & COLLECT**

Rev. James Dennis

Almighty and Gracious God, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**HYMN 37**

*Let All Things Now Living*

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**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
By guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.**

**By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,  
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The depths of the ocean proclaim God 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!**

**Litany of Psalm 65**

Rev. Jana Creighton and CP Janna Simon

One: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

**All: When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.**

One: Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

**All: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.**

One: By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

**All: You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.**

One: Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

**All: You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.**

One: You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

**All: You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,**

One: the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.**

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Let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"**

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Give thanks. Give thanks.**

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Rev. Gary Loadholdt

MEDITATION

OFFERING FOR SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Rev. Dr. Anna Brawley

INSTRUMENTAL

*Simple Gifts*

arr. Wilbur Held

Bill Ackerman, Oboe and Joy Ackerman, Organ

McGregor Presbyterian

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (A Litany of Thanksgiving)

Rev. Dr. Anna Brawley

ONE: Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us. For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

**ALL: We thank you, Lord.**

ONE: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

**ALL: We thank you, Lord.**

ONE: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

**ALL: We thank you, Lord.**

ONE: For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

**ALL: We thank you, Lord.**

ONE: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

**ALL: We thank you, Lord.**

ONE: For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

**ALL: We thank you, Lord.**

ONE: For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

**ALL: We thank you, Lord.**

ONE: For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

**ALL: We thank you, Lord.**

ONE: Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

**ALL: To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

(from the Book of Common Prayer, pages 836-837)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(pray using the words and language of your choice)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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*Now Thank We All Our God*

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**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.**

**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.**



## POSTLUDE

Thank you for participating in this Thanksgiving Service!

Rev. Dr. Anna Brawley, Rector, St. Mary's Episcopal Church  
Amanda Burke, Youth & Family Ministry, Redeemer Lutheran Church  
Rev. Jana Creighton, Pastor, Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church  
Rev. James Dennis, Pastor, Pinegrove AME Church  
Rev. Gary Loadholdt, Pastor, Redeemer Lutheran Church  
CP Janna Simon, Volunteer, Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church

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## MISSION PROJECT - SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Sharing God's Love was organized in 1984 when representatives from a few churches in the area got together and agreed that there needed to be a central location where community families facing emergencies related to their basic living needs could be served. Thus, they began to establish this ministry to provide food, clothing, and financial assistance to those in need.

The idea was well received, and all area churches were invited to participate. The program would allow churches to refer people to SGL, instead of their going from one church to the other for help. One requirement for the ministry would be that each client be interviewed to try to determine true need and records be kept to assure that SGL guidelines were met. The same guidelines continue to govern, but church and community participation has increased and the ministry thrives.

Due to these increases and need for space, several moves have been made. The following is a quote from a report on activities at the first location. "Excitement and enthusiasm abound at the small white house, as more and more of the needy have been referred here for help. Love and services are dispensed and gratitude received."

The excitement and enthusiasm which prevailed at the beginning of this ministry continues to grow, and blessings abound for those who serve in various capacities, as well as those who are served. The faith and vision of the founders has been an inspiration to all who have followed in their footsteps.

In 2019, Sharing God's Love served 4,968 people (1,759 families) of which 384 were new families needing their services.

To learn more about this ministry, their website address is: [www.sharinggodsllove.net](http://www.sharinggodsllove.net)



*Happy  
Thanksgiving!!*