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THANKS
♥ WITH A
grateful
HEART

November 20, 2022

11:00 A.M.

Patti Reep, Organist

Deborah Snyder, Choir Director

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today to worship the One who created us,

The One who calls us,

The One who equips us,

The One who loves us without end.

With thankful hearts, let us worship God.

MORNING PRAYER

* Hymn of Praise #551 PH “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Father, forgive us. Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though you should rule us, we control ourselves. Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power to remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Heal our confused mind with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled conscience with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI #579 PH

* Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

and also, with you.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

CHOIR ANTHEM “Simple Thanks”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

SERMON "A Thankful Heart" *Pastor Fred Neal*

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

We thank you, Lord.

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

We thank you, Lord.

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

We thank you, Lord.

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

We thank you, Lord.

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

We thank you, Lord.

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

We thank you, Lord.

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

We thank you, Lord.

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

We thank you, Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER Pg. 16 PH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

* OFFERTORY

* THE DOXOLOGY #592 PH

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

* Closing Hymn #555 PH "Now Thank We All Our God"

* BENEDICTION

* Response #586 CLH "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" (*first verse*)

* Congregation please stand if you are able.

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue Hymnal)

CLH - Christian Life Hymnal (Red Hymnal)

Visitors, please sign our guest book located in the vestibule.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday is Thanksgiving Day; remember to be thankful for all your blessings large and small.

There will be no choir practice or small group study this week due to the holiday.

Children's Christmas Play Rehearsal. - Sunday, Nov. 27th at 9:45am.

First Sunday in Advent – Sunday, Nov. 27th.

Choir Practice – Wednesday, Nov. 30th at 7:00pm.

Communion - Sunday, Dec. 4th at 11:00am.

Deacons Meeting – Monday, Dec, 5th at 6:30pm.

Let's Do Christmas – Sunday, Dec. 11th 4:00-6:00pm.

Poinsettia Orders – Please see Patti Reep for poinsettia order forms. Cost is \$10.50 per flower and orders are due today.

“A Shepherd's Story” – Attention all children we need your participation in a short Christmas play that will be held during church on December 18th. Practices will be on Sundays at 9:45am in the upstairs choir room. All children 3 and up are welcome! Please let Jan Cannon or Patti Reep know if you are interested.

Online giving is here! Go to www.cowansvillechurch.org and click on ONLINE GIVING the GIVE NOW from your PC or download the app for mobile giving.

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please provide your information by Wednesday morning to Jan Cannon at 724-919-8716 or by e-mail at djccannon@yahoo.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov. 21 – Chasity Evans

Nov. 22 Joycelyn Bittenbender

Nov. 23 – Barnie W. Croyle

Nov. 24 - Hannah Freehling