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Presbytery of the Mid-South, Synod of Living Waters.

Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

November 18, 2018

In Observance of Thanksgiving

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Prelude on *Terra Beata* arr. Bonnie Barrett

The congregation stands to sing

Processional Hymn 551 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
St. George's Windsor

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

Eternal God, before the earth was formed, and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into your short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Confession Unison

Almighty God our Creator,

in love you spread good gifts before us, more than we need or deserve.

You feed, heal, teach, and save us.

We confess that we always want more,

and we do not we share as freely as you give.

We often resent what we lack and are jealous of neighbors.

We misuse what you intend for joy.

O God, forgive our stubborn greed and our destructiveness.

In your mercy, help us to take such pleasure in your goodness,

that we will always be thanking you; through Jesus Christ our Lord

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 554 Let All Things Now Living Ash Grove

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children may bring their “ringing collection” and come to the Baptismal Font for a Time with Young Christians

Old Testament Deuteronomy 8:1-18

Psalm 113 Unison

Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, and God’s glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high;
who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap
to make them sit with princes, with the princes of God’s people.

God give the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!

Anthem Lord of All Creation Jay Althouse, 1996

Lord of all creation, of sun and moon and sky, we see Thee in the stars above;

Thy name we glorify, O Lord of all creation on high.

Lord of all creation, of earth and sea and air,

We worship and adore Thy name and seek Thy tender care,

O Lord of all creation, so fair.

We sing to Thee our praises in joyful harmony.

O, grant to us Thy wisdom for all eternity.

Lord of all creation, of welcome rain in spring, of harvest in the autumn mist

and every living thing, O Lord of all creation, we sing. Amen.

Epistle 1 Timothy 6:6-19

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 559 We Gather Together Kremser

The congregation sits.

Gospel Matthew 6:24-34

Sermon Pure Gratitude Mike Krech

“He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.” Deuteronomy 8:3

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 553 For the Fruit of All Creation East Acklam

Apostles’ Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria Patri 579 Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory *Andante* from the Organ Concerto in F Major G.F. Handel
arr. Walter E. Buszin

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 555 Now Thank We All Our God

Nun Danket Alle Gott

Postlude *Nun danket alle Gott* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today we observe Thanksgiving themes in our Scriptures, hymns, and other music. (JMK)