



**Greenwood Community
Thanksgiving Service**

November 21, 2012

 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

7:00 pm Greenwood Community Thanksgiving Service Color: White

*** Stand as able**

A nursery is provided

Large print hymnals, bulletins, and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

ENTRANCE

Gathering of the People

Pray as you enter; Assume Silence at the Chiming

Trinity Chime

Cecelia McGinnis

Prelude

Think on These Things

Alexander Kruchkov

Rhonda McGinnis, flute, Joyce Nickles, piano

Welcome and Silence

Pastor Phil Thraikill

Call to Worship

Come All You People

Alexander Gondo

***Greeting**

Trinitarian Greeting, Psalm 100

Blessed be God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

**We are the Lord's; we are the people of God,
the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

Give thanks and bless God's name!

For the Lord is good;

God's steadfast love endures for ever;

God's faithfulness to all generations."

***Hymn No. 131**

We Gather Together

(Crucifer: Schuyler McGinnis, Acolytes: Lucas Bassett, Layton Logan)

***Common Prayer of Confession and Pardon**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray together:

**God of abundance and mercy, our heavenly Father,
it is your faithfulness that keeps the earth productive,
and from it flow food and water for all your creatures.**

**You have wed us to the earth, to its rhythms and seasons,
and we are deeply grateful for all your gifts that sustain this life.**

**We thank you for the farmers who fill our tables,
and from whose sweat and smarts we are fed.**

For clean air and fresh water, for rivers and oceans full of life,
and for the sheer wonder of your magnificent creation
we stand in awe before your rich and continuing goodness.
Forgive us the sin of taking these creation gifts for granted.
Wake us up to our role as your stewards of all created things.
Grant us the wisdom to live simply and full of joy in small wonders.
Give us the deep and clear vision of Jesus Christ,
who saw all things moving towards your great kingdom,
when all shall be right, when all shall be fed,
and when all creation shall be restored and finally healed.
By your Holy Spirit make us a people who pursue that kingdom.
Amen. (Silence is kept for confession. Pardon is announced.)

*Act of Praise, No. 70

Glory Be to the Father

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

Old Testament Reading

Joel 2:21-27

Rev. Larry Duncan

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Old Hundredth Psalm Tune

R. Vaughn Williams

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Rev. Tony Hopkins

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 6:25-33

Rev. Nicholas Beasley

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Lord of the Harvest

Rev. Nicholas Beasley

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

Anthem

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Jason McCoy

Prayers of the People

Rev. Tony Hopkins

After each petition: God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Offering Invitation		Tracey Marcengill
Offertory	<i>Fanfare on "Now Thank We All Our God"</i> Joyce Nickles, organ	Charles Callahan
*Doxology No. 94	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication		Rev. Larry Duncan

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn No. 400	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	
*Dismissal with Blessing		Rev. Nicholas Beasley
Postlude	<i>Postlude on "Now Thank We All Our God"</i> Joyce Nickles, organ	Charles Callahan

Worship Leaders

Rev. Nicholas Beasley, Rector, The Church of the Resurrection
 Rev. Larry Duncan, Interim Pastor, First Presbyterian Church
 Amy Fennell, Director of Music Ministries, First Presbyterian Church
 Rev. Dr. Tony Hopkins, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church
 Larry Moore, Director of Music Ministries, Main Street United Methodist Church
 Joyce Nickles, Organist, Main Street United Methodist Church
 Tracey Marcengill, Director of Resource Development,
 Piedmont Agency on Aging
 Rev. Phil Thrailkill, Senior Pastor, Main Street United Methodist Church

Choir Members from the Following Churches:

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
 Episcopal Church of the Resurrection
 First Presbyterian Church
 Main Street United Methodist Church
 Tranquil United Methodist Church
 Westminster Presbyterian Church

Offering

*This evening's offering will benefit the Piedmont Agency on Aging Meals on Wheels Program. If you are writing a personal check, please make it payable to **Piedmont Agency on Aging.***