



**Greenwood Community  
Thanksgiving Service**

**November 27, 2013**

 **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.**

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**ENTRANCE**

**Gathering of the People** Pray as you enter; Assume Silence at the Chiming

**Trinity Chime** Schuyler McGinnis

**Prelude** *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. Charles Callahan

Joyce Nickles, organ

**Welcome and Silence** Pastor Phil Thraikill

**Call to Worship** *Seek Ye First* Hymn No. 405

**\*Greeting** Trinitarian Greeting

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

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

We gather to celebrate and joyfully sing to our God!

Together, let us share our praises and thankfulness.

Come, let us enter into this sacred space with praise.

**You O God, are the Holy God always and forever!**

**You are the Eternal One from whom all things come.**

**Come, let us enter into this sacred space with thanks.**

O God, we are your children, created by and with your love.

**Come, let us enter into this sacred space with joy and delight.**

**\*Hymn No. 89** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Crucifer: Cecelia McGinnis, Acolytes: Ella Bassett, Sam Crooks

**\*Common Prayer of Thanksgiving** Rev. Larry Duncan

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

**God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace:**

**We thank you for the gift of life: for the breath that sustains life, for the food of this earth that nurtures life, for the love of family and friends without which there would be no life.**

We thank you for the mystery of creation: for the beauty that the eye can see, for the joy that the ear may hear, for the unknown that we cannot behold filling the universe with wonder, for the expanse of space that draws us beyond the definitions of our selves.

We thank you for setting us in communities: for families who nurture our becoming, for friends who love us by choice, for companions at work, who share our burdens and daily tasks, for strangers who welcome us into their midst, for people from other lands who call us to grow in understanding, for children who lighten our moments with delight, for the unborn, who offer us hope for the future.

We thank you for this day: for life and one more day to love, for opportunity and one more day to work for justice and peace, for neighbors and one more person to love and by whom be loved, for your grace and one more experience of your presence, for your promise to be with us, to be our God, and to give salvation.

For these, and all blessings, we give you thanks, eternal, loving God, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

\*Act of Praise, No. 70

*Glory Be to the Father*

### **PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE**

**Psalm 100**

*All Lands Summoned to Praise God*

See insert

**Anthem**

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*  
Ecumenical Choir, Amy Fennell, Director

Virgil Thompson

**Epistle Reading**

Philippians 4:4-9 Rev. Debby Plumstead-Marshall  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon Lesson**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Rev. Nathan Gragg  
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**Sermon**

*Your Father Was a Wandering Aramean* Rev. Nathan Gragg

\* Hymn No. 92

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

## RESPONSES TO THE WORD

<b>Offering Invitation</b>		Kathy Hendricks-Dublin
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>O How Amiable</i> Ecumenical Choir, Larry Moore, Director	Ralph Vaughn Williams
<b>*Doxology No. 94</b>	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
<b>*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication</b>		Rev. Tony Hopkins
<b>*Sung Lord's Prayer</b>		See insert

## SENDING FORTH

<b>*Hymn No. 400</b>	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	
<b>*Dismissal with Blessing</b>		Rev. Nathan Gragg
<b>Postlude</b>		Joyce Nickles, organist

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### **Worship Leaders**

Rev. Larry Duncan, Interim Pastor, First Presbyterian Church  
Amy Fennell, Director of Music Ministries, First Presbyterian Church  
Rev. Nathan Gragg, Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Kathy Hendricks-Dublin, Executive Director, Piedmont Agency on Aging  
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  
Rev. Debby Plumstead-Marshall, Associate Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Rev. Phil Thraikill, Pastor, Main Street United Methodist Church

### **Choir Members from**

First Presbyterian Church  
Main Street United Methodist Church  
Tranquil United Methodist Church

The beautiful harvest arrangement prepared by Dennis Moore is given in honor of Joyce Nickles for her 26 years as organist of Main Street UMC.

### **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.***