

**PRELUDE**

**WORD OF WELCOME**

*Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Dan Rhea*

*Leader:* God has remembered us in our low estate  
*All:* **God's steadfast love endures forever!**  
*Leader:* The LORD gives food to all living things  
*All:* **God's steadfast love endures forever!**  
*Leader:* O give thanks to the Lord of heaven and earth  
*All:* **God's steadfast love endures forever!**

**\*HYMN**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

*Hymnal #797*

*Verse 1:* Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;  
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.  
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

*Verse 2:* All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield;  
wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;  
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

*Verse 3:* For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;  
from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away,  
giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;  
but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

*Verse 4:* Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home;  
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;  
come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

**RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP**

*Dan Rhea*

*Please sign and pass the friendship register located on the center aisle under the pew in front.*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*Dan Rhea*

*Leader:* We look to the LORD our God, for He is the One who will have mercy upon us. Let's confess our sin and pray to God.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*All:* **Almighty God, You are slow to anger, rich in mercy, and abounding in steadfast love. We come to You ashamed of our sin, knowing we have strayed from Your ways. In Your lovingkindness forgive us, and help us to do what is right and good in Your sight, so that our gratitude might be full and honest, for we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, AMEN.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dan Rhea

*Leader:* The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

## \*GLORIA PATRI

*All:* **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. AMEN. AMEN.**

## PASSING THE PEACE

Dan Rhea

*Leader:* The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

*All:* **And also with you.**

## ANTHEM

*How Beautiful*

Paris/Greer

*How Beautiful the hands that served The Wine and the Bread and the sons of the earth.*

*How beautiful the feet that walked The long dusty road and the hill to the cross.*

*How Beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.*

*How Beautiful the heart that bled That took all my sins and bore it instead.*

*How beautiful the tender eyes That choose to forgive and never despise.*

*How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.*

*And as He laid down His life we offer this sacrifice, That we will live just as He died.*

*Willing to pay the price, willing to pay the price.*

*How beautiful the radiant bride who waits for her Groom with His light in Her eyes.*

*How beautiful when humble hearts give the fruit of pure lives so that others may live!*

*How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King!*

*How Beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the sons of the Earth.*

*How Beautiful, How Beautiful, Oh, how Beautiful. Is the Body of Christ!*

## FAITHFUL FRIENDS

*Children ages 5 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are dismissed at this time for children's worship.*

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Luke 18:9-14*

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

## SERMON

*"The Jesus School of Theology"*

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

## \*HYMN

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

*Hymnal #793 (Verses 1, 3, 5)*

*Verse 1:* For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

*Verse 3:* For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

*Verse 5:* For Thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given,  
For that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All:** 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.*

## CALL FOR OFFERING

*Dan Rhea*

**Leader:** Let's worship God with our offerings.

## OFFERTORY

*Thanks Be To Thee*

*Handel/Landen*

## \*DOXOLOGY

**All:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse*

## \*HYMN

*Now Thank We All Our God*

*Hymnal #788*

**Verse 1:** Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

**Verse 2:** O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world in the next.

**Verse 3:** All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven.  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse*

## \*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

**All:** Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.  
Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.

## POSTLUDE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sanctuary Flowers** are given in honor of Bob Eubanks and his tireless service to our church and choir.

**Church Thanksgiving Lunch** today following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**Community Thanksgiving Service:** The Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse will preach at this years' service to be held at Inskip Baptist Church tonight at 5:00 PM.



**2025 Stewardship Campaign Update:** As we near the midpoint of our stewardship campaign, we have received 35 pledge cards with 23 still withstanding that pledged in 2024. If you have not submitted your pledge card, prayerfully consider how this community has planted seeds of hope, joy and support in your life and how you can give thanks for those seeds in your 2025 pledge of support. Scan the QR Code to pledge online.

**Office Hours:** The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28-29 in observance of Thanksgiving.



**Advent Candle Volunteers:** This Advent season, we invite your family to be a part of our church's tradition of lighting the Advent candles and reading Scripture each Sunday, beginning December 1-22 and on Christmas Eve. It's a meaningful way to prepare our hearts for the joy of Christmas, reflecting on the hope, peace, joy, and love that Christ brings to our world. Signup by scanning the QR code.

**The Women of Hope** will begin a new study for Advent, "The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God's Voice in Advent." They meet every Tuesday at 10:00 AM in the library. Contact Susan Espiritu if you have any questions.

**Christmas Cookie Swap:** Join us for a sweet time of holiday cheer after church on Sunday, December 15! Bring a batch of your favorite homemade Christmas cookies or desserts to share, and leave with a delicious assortment of treats from others. It's a fun way to celebrate the season and enjoy some festive fellowship. Signup by scanning the QR code.



**Yuletide Tales and Treats:** Join us on December 13 from 6-8 PM in the Fellowship Hall for a festive, fun-filled evening geared toward kids and presented by our Youth. Come dressed in your comfiest pajamas and enjoy a night of games, singing, pizza, and the heartwarming story of Jesus. It's the perfect way to celebrate the season with good times and great company!

**December Graduations:** Please let Dana Lamb or any member of the Congregational Connections Team know if any of your loved ones are graduating this December from colleges or universities. We would love to congratulate them on this great achievement!

## JAHRZEIT

*May their memory be for a blessing*

11/27/77 Ethel Broyles, 11/26/80 Harry Elliott, 11/25/87 Daniel Beeler, 11/25/94 Mildred Pollard, 11/26/94 Asad Makla, 11/28/95 Anna Marie Williams, 11/28/95 Charles Bailey Sr. 11/28/96 Dovie Freeman, 11/25/00 Mary Rhodes, 11/27/09 Lucy McCampbell, 11/23/16 Don Hancock

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

11/24 Pat Morgan, 11/25 Mike Riehl, 11/27 Cindy Ricker, 11/28 Tom Dillard

## THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Liturgist**.....Dan Rhea

**Greeters**.....Darlene Miller & Barbara Riehl

**Ushers**.....Shelley Miller, Brett Miller, Teresa Brittain, Bedford Chapman

**Music**.....FCPC Chancel Choir

**Tech Team**.....Mac Holland, Thomas Rader, Brett Miller, Debbie Hawkins

**Faithful Friends** (Children's Worship).....Susan Espiritu, April Lamb

**Nursery**.....Laurismar Wrinkle, Laura Marquez



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George Hill, *Organist*