

The Thanksgiving Day Service

November 26, 2015

10:00 a.m.



Christ Church, Presbyterian
Evans, Georgia

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Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise! Psalm 100:4

(† Indicates the congregation standing)

The Organ Prelude – We Gather Together Gordon Young

† The Ascription (*Sung by all*) AMERICA

**My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountainside let freedom ring.**

**My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills, like that above.**

**Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.**

**Our fathers' God, to Thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, great God, our King.**

† The Invocation Dr. John W. P. Oliver

† The Lord's Prayer Dr. John W. P. Oliver

**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.**

† The Hymn No. 97 (*Trinity Hymnal*) — We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator KREMSE

The Psalter (Read responsively: congregation reading second half of verse) Psalm 136:1–26 (*page 520*)

The Gloria Patri

Pastor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

The Personal Expressions of Thanks

† The Hymn Insert – Thanks to God for My Redeemer TACK, O GUD

The Prayer of Thanksgiving..... The Rev. J. Josiah Jones

The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication

The offering received today is designated for the Palmer Home for Children in Columbus, Mississippi.

The Offertory Solo – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. David Ritter

† The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;

the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic* Church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen. (*universal)

The Gospel Lesson..... St. Luke 12:22–34 (page 871)

The Homily – FROM HEAVEN’S GIFT SHOP..... Dr. Oliver

† The Hymn No. 88 (*Trinity Hymnal*) – With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring ST. PETERSBURG

† The Benediction

† The Response (*sung by all*) NUN DANKET

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 earth and heav’n adore;

For thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

The Organ Postlude – Now Thank We All Our God J. S. Bach

*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God with thanksgiving
and in loving memory of Marian Losch by John, Yvonne and Jason Clark.*

Palmer Home for Children

The mission of Palmer Home for Children is to provide superior residential care for children that introduces the love of God through service, and to extend that care to many more children in need.

Palmer Home is a Christian organization that:

- Seeks to play a part in the global symphony of efforts to embody the peace, justice and hope of God.
- Hopes to be the hands and feet of God's compassion, doing justice for those whom God loves and who cannot help themselves.
- Longs for healing and restoration and to provide each child with a family, a home and a community.
- Seeks to soften those hearts that have been hardened by grief, and to create in them a place "Where Hope Still Grows."

Palmer Home for Children currently serves nearly 100 children from birth through college age who live year-round on two campuses in Columbus, MS, and near Hernando, MS. Palmer Home extends counseling to the family of origin, foster care and other family-related services.

Serving individual children as well as sibling groups, Palmer Home provides an opportunity for every child to overcome existing obstacles, build on valuable strengths, learn traditional family values and have available the foundation to become responsible, caring adults.

Palmer Home is here to extend effective, healing help, so that hurting children can dare to hope, to dream and to love again, all because caring friends have chosen to participate in Palmer Home's growing outreach, prayerfully and lovingly providing financial support and volunteer help.

Palmer Home for Children provides residential care without charge to children who have a need for viable placement, all without regard to race or creed. Palmer Home is supported entirely by voluntary gifts.

For more information, including pictures of the ongoing ministry, visit the Palmer Home website at www.palmerhome.org.

Musicians

Mr. Perry Barinowski, pianist

Mr. Mark Dickens, organist/pianist

Dr. Stan Pylant, violinist

Ushers are Wade Caldwell, John Norkus & Barry Smith.

Deacon on Duty is John Norkus.