

# The Thanksgiving Day Service

November 24, 2016  
10:00 a.m.



Christ Church, Presbyterian  
Evans, Georgia

# THE THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

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

(† Indicates the congregation standing)

The Organ Prelude – We Praise You, O God ..... arr. Burkhardt

The Call to Worship ..... Psalm 33:1–4, 12

Pastor: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

**People: Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;  
make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings!**

Pastor: Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

**People: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.**

**Unison: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!**

† 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 (*Using debts and debtors*) ..... Dr. Oliver

† 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 Psalter.....Psalm 107:1–9, 21–22 (*page 506*)

The Gloria Patri (*said in unison*)

**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.**

The Unision Prayer of Thanks

**O Most merciful Father, Who has blessed the labors of the husbandman in the returns  
of the fruits of the earth; We give Thee humble and hearty thanks for this Thy bounty;  
beseeching Thee to continue Thy lovingkindness to us, that our land may still yield her  
increase, to Thy glory and our comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

† The Hymn No. 98 (*Trinity Hymnal*) — Now Thank We All Our God..... NUN DANKET

The Sharing of Scripture with Thanks to God

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

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

The Offering and Prayer for the Palmer Home for Children

The Offertory – A Thanksgiving Medley ..... arr. Callahan  
Laura Doss, *organ*; Stan Pylant, *violin*

The Lesson..... 1 Chronicles 29:10–16 (*page 357*)

The Homily – ALL FROM THEE ..... Dr. Oliver

† The Hymn No. 716 (*Trinity Hymnal*) – Sing to the Lord of Harvest..... MUNICH

† The Benediction

† The Response (*sung by all*) ..... KREMSER

**We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,  
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let Thy congregation endure thro' tribulation:  
Thy name be ever prais'd! O Lord, make us free!**

The Organ Postlude – Sing to the Lord of Harvest..... arr. Willan

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God.*

## 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](http://www.palmerhome.org).

Operating for over 120 years, Palmer Home for Children provides superior residential care for children while introducing the love of God through service to each individual child. With campuses in Hernando and Columbus, Mississippi, it is home to over 100 children in need. Palmer Home is a non–profit organization which relies fully on the generous support of individuals, organizations, and churches who believe in their mission of rescuing and restring vulnerable children.

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### Musicians

*Mrs. Laura Doss, organist*

*Dr. Stan Pylant, violinist*

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*Ushers are Wade Caldwell, Stephen Dyer, John Norkus, Ed Russell & Barry Smith.*

*Deacon on Duty is John Norkus.*