

The Thanksgiving Day Service

November 23, 2017

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 Welcome..... Billy Hatcher, Ruling Elder

The Call to Worship Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**People: Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing!**

Leader: Know that the Lord, He is God!
It is He who made us, and we are His;
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

**People: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!
Give thanks to Him; bless His name!**

**Unison: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever,
and His faithfulness to all generations.**

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

† The Invocation Billy Hatcher

† 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*)

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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 Sharing of Scripture with Thanks to God

The Prayer of Thanksgiving..... Billy Hatcher

† The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) Billy Hatcher

**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 of Gratitude: America the Beautiful MATERNA

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare of freedom beat across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife
Who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

The Offering and Prayer for the Palmer Home for Children

The Offertory Meditation – Let All Things Now Living..... arr. Kay Lovingood
Kay Lovingood, *tuba*; and Laura Doss, *piano*

The Lesson..... Colossians 3:1–3 (*page 984*)

The Homily – THANKSGIVING IN THREE TENSES The Rev. Richard Hammond, *guest*

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

† The Benediction

The Organ Postlude – Now Thank We All Our God arr. Burkhardt

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.

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.

Musicians

Mrs. Laura Doss, organ and piano

Ms. Kay Lovingood, tuba

*Ushers are Richard Deal, John Edwards, William Jewett, & Charles Kimbrell.
Deacon on Duty is John Edwards.*