

11/25/09

*O give thanks
unto the LORD;
for he is good:
for his mercy
endureth for ever.*

1 Chronicles 16:34



Thanksgiving Eve

7:00 PM Worship

Gathering

Prelude

***Call to Worship:** Psalm 100 (read responsively)

Shout to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness: come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

Give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

His faithfulness continues through all generations.

***God's Greeting**

Song of Praise: "We Gather Together" R790 vs. 1-3

We Give Thanks for Creation

Prayer led by Phil Hofman

Song of Praise: "God of Wonders" (see screen)

We Give Thanks for Our Nation

Prayer led by Merle Schouten

Song of Praise: "In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him" R796 vs. 1-3

We Give Thanks for (and with) the Family

Thankful Thoughts by the Third Grade

Prayer led by Dylan Vander Berg

We Give Thanks for Our Church (responsive reading)

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our Rock,
our Fortress and our Deliverer.

Let us remember his mercy, for he is gracious and compassionate.

We thank you, Lord, for calling us to faith in Christ,

**for putting your Spirit within us,
for giving us the mind of Christ,
for gathering us into your church.**

We thank you, Lord,
for extending your grace to us,
for beckoning us to a life of gratitude,
for calling us to service in your kingdom.

Thanks be to God!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, for he satisfies the thirsty.

He fills the hungry with good things, and he heals the afflicted.

Let us celebrate God's abundant goodness.

We thank you, gracious Father, that you provide for all of our needs.

We praise you, Lord.

For all your gifts that go beyond our basic needs,
for the things that make our work easier,
for the conveniences of modern life,
for the beauty and pleasure that you bring into our lives and church.

Thanks be to God.

***Scripture:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Meditation: "In Every Circumstance Give Thanks"

Prayer

We Give Thanks in Shared Voice and Shared Giving

Offering: If you would like to designate your offering for a special cause, offering envelopes are available at the back of the sanctuary. The loose offering will be for the Waupun Area Food Pantry.

Parting Song: "Praise and Thanksgiving" G631 vs. 3

***Benediction**

***Doxology:** "Give Thanks" R170

Welcome

In Christ we welcome all who need comfort, friendship, and hope. Our worship is designed to honor God as well as encourage and feed His people. We hope and pray that God will speak to you tonight.

If you are presently seeking a church home, we welcome you to join our fellowship. If you would like further information about our church, log onto the church website (www.waupuncrc.com) or contact Pastor Craig (324-2249) or the church office (324-2898).

The red Celebration Hymnals are located under the pew in front of you. Inform an usher if you prefer a large-print bulletin, and feel free to check one of the "Visitor" mailslots in the narthex for additional materials.

Accompanist

Junice Rens

Greeters

Norm, Angela, Katie Buwalda

Nursery

Bonnie, Lucas, Dylan Vander Berg

Sound System

Glen Greenfield

Transportation

Percy De Vries (324-4678)

Glen & Sandy Greenfield (346-5152)

Video Projection

Mike Vander Berg



**Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God has done.**