

NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE REVEREND ERIC SPOON

November 20, 2018

6:30pm

Thanksgiving Community Worship Service



Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Christ known.

WELCOME IN CHRIST'S NAME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Bless the Lord who counsels and guides us.

Congregation: Because we keep the Lord ever before us, we shall not be moved.

Leader: Rejoice! Let your hearts be glad! Let your spirits rejoice and your bodies rest secure.

Congregation: For God does not give us up to death, but shows us the path of life.

All: Praise the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN

"WE GATHER TOGETHER"

- 1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing, praises to His name; He forgets not his own.**
- 2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; All glory be Thine!**
- 3. We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 100

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

CONGREGATION: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

LEADER: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

CONGREGATION: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

LEADER: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

SPECIAL MUSIC

NEW BETHEL CHOIR

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING **COLOSSIANS 3: 15 – 17**

LEADER: And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

CONGREGATION: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

LEADER: And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

SERMON **“SAY, ‘THANK YOU!’”**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Communion will be taken by Intinction and based on the Presbyterian (USA) tradition.

All baptized believers are invited to come forward along the right aisle (facing the pulpit), take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and partake of the bread as you return to your seat through the left aisle.

If you are unable to come forward, Communion will be brought to you by the New Bethel Elders.

*LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,

Congregation: so we lift our hearts up to you, God, in praise and thanksgiving.

Leader: As we count our blessings, and acknowledge your goodness,

Congregation: our hearts go out to those who do not have, and who are in need.

Leader: We thank you for plentiful harvests and full refrigerators

Congregation: and ask that you supply the needs of those who are hungry.

Leader: We thank you for jobs that provide for our families and supply the needs of our society,

Congregation: and pray that you would care for those who have no work, or the dignity and purpose it brings.

Leader: We thank you for opportunities and choices, for meaning and challenges,

Congregation: and pray that you would give a sense of purpose to those who feel trapped.

Leader: We thank you for family and friends who love us and care for us

Congregation: and pray that you would befriend those who are alone.

Leader: The abundance of the harvest is a symbol of the abundance of your love in our lives.

Congregation: May we live in a spirit of gratitude to you and generosity to our neighbor.

Leader: Loving God, in this season and all year long, give to us the gift of a thankful heart,

Congregation: so that we may acknowledge you as the giver of all that is good in our lives.

Leader: In the name of Jesus

All: Amen.

*RESPONSIVE HYMN

“GIVE THANKS”

**Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.**

**And now let the weak say, “We are strong”;
Let the poor say, “We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!”**

**And now let the weak say, “We are strong”;
Let the poor say, “We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!”**

Give thanks. Give thanks.

*BENEDICTION

**Indicates that those who are able may stand.*

Litany of Thanksgiving from Presbyterian Church of Canada.

*Our offering of canned goods collected tonight will go to support the Community Food Pantry
hosted at Edgefield United Methodist Church.*

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| 2019 | Edgefield United Methodist Church – Estel Williams |
| 2020 | Piney Flats Baptist Church – Allen Davis |
| 2021 | Enterprise United Methodist Church – Dennis Milhorn |
| 2022 | Poplar Ridge Christian Church – Evan Wolfe |
| 2023 | St. Paul United Methodist Church – Bryan Orchard |
| 2024 | Piney Flats Presbyterian Church – Robert Rainwater |
| 2025 | Piney Flats United Methodist Church – Scott Brady |
| 2026 | New Bethel Presbyterian Church – Eric Spoon |