

Midweek Advent Worship

Wednesdays: December 1, 8, 15

Holden Evening Prayer
Service at 5:15pm



Once again we will be having a Poinsettia Garden around our altar to decorate for Christmas. If you would like to order a plant to contribute to this garden, please fill out this form and return it to the church office by **Monday, December 20th**. Your poinsettia may be in memory of or in honor of a loved one. The plants will decorate the sanctuary during the Christmas season and may be picked up after the 9:00pm Christmas Eve service.

Poinsettia Plant (\$12.00) _____ (Quantity)

In loving memory of:

Or... In honor of:

Given by:

Please note: if you wish to keep your poinsettia plant, it can be picked up after the 9pm Christmas Eve Services. Any plants left at the church after January 3rd will be disposed of.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 24, 2021



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Order of Worship for Thanksgiving Eve

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Today's reading reflect two of the strains that go into the celebration of a national day of thanksgiving; gratitude for abundant harvest and civic prayer for a peaceable common life. The core meaning of Thanksgiving for many of us—a home feast for extended family and friends—is not reflected in the readings; but it is reflected weekly in the church's meal of thanksgiving. What we wish for both these thanksgiving meals is that they will go deeper than celebration of one another and our own blessings, to recognizes in our true Host one who wants everyone brought to the table.

Prelude and Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn: "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" #694

Reading: Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, **we were like those who dream.**

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; **then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."**

The LORD has done great things for us, **and we rejoiced.**

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, **like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

May those who sow in tears **reap with shouts of joy.**

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, **shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Joel 2:21-27 (page 801 OT in pew Bible)
1 Timothy 2:1-7 (page 184 NT in pew Bible)

* **Gospel:** Matthew 6:25-33 (page 5 NT in pew Bible)

(after announcement of Gospel: Glory to you, O Lord)

(response after reading of Gospel: Praise to you, O Christ)

Message

Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God" #840 (vs 1-2)

* **Statement of Faith—Apostle Creed** pg. 105

Offering/Offerory #188

* **Prayers of the Church**

Benediction

Closing Hymn: "Let All Things Now Living" #881

Bell

Dismissal

In tonight's service:

Ushers: Bob Heck, Kellie Hentges, Paul Grove

Acolyte: Brayden Carlson & Owen Hentges

Lector: Karen Bolling

Nursery: Sandy Grove

Video: Dave Jungst

TV slides: Ward Voorhees