



Thanksgiving Service
Western Springs Baptist Church
November 21, 2021
10:00 AM

Welcome to our special Thanksgiving Service led by the Worship Choir, Orchestra and Praise Team. During this service, there will be an opportunity for you to share your personal thanks to God for His faithfulness and goodness in your lives. God has been good to us as we have navigated through these difficult times. We want to celebrate that goodness together! The words in **bold** below indicate when you are to sing or read aloud.

O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word,
We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
For Christ your gift from heaven from death has set us free,
And we through Him are given the final victory!

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Call To Worship
Responsive Reading based on Psalm 145

Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD and highly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

I will praise your name forever, Lord.

Generation after generation praises your works
and proclaims your might.
They speak of the splendor of your glorious majesty
and tell of your wondrous works.

I will praise your name forever, Lord.

They discourse of the power of your terrible deeds
and declare your greatness.
They publish the fame of your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your justice.

I will praise your name forever, Lord.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.

I will praise your name forever, Lord.

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,
and let your faithful ones bless you.
Let them discourse of the glory of your Kingdom
and speak of your might.

I will praise your name forever, Lord.

Now Thank We All Our God
Hymn No. 556

**Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.**

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

**All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The One eternal God
Whom heav'n and earth adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.**

10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul.

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, oh my soul.

I worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning.

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the ev'ning comes.

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul.

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, oh my soul.

I worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul.

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, oh my soul.

I worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing,

The end draws near and my time has come,

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forever more.

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul.

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, oh my soul.

I worship Your holy name.

The Goodness of our God
Responsive Reading

Let us remember Jesus:
who, though rich, became poor and dwelt among us,
who was mighty indeed, healing the sick and the troubled,
who, as a teacher to his disciples, was their companion and
servant.

**May we ever be grateful for Jesus the Christ
and what he has done for us.**

Let us remember Jesus:
who prayed for the forgiveness of those who rejected him
and for the perfecting of those who received him,
who loved all people, and prayed for them,
even if they denied and rejected him
who hated sin because he knew the cost of pride and
selfishness, of cruelty and hatred, both to people and to God.

**May we ever be grateful for Jesus the Christ
and what he has done for us.**

Let us remember Jesus:
who humbled himself, obedient unto the cross.
God has exalted Him who has redeemed us from the bondage
of sin and given us new freedom.

**May we ever be grateful for Jesus the Christ
and what he has done for us.**

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray,
slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in
malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But
when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior
appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in
righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing
of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom
he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
so that being justified by his grace we might
become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:3 – 7

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father!
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not.
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness.
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest.
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above.
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth.
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Message
“Resting in God’s Goodness”
Psalm 116
Dean Monkenmeier

The ability to give thanks comes
when our souls are at rest in God’s goodness.

1. We love the Lord because of His salvation
2. We walk before the Lord because of His deliverance.
3. We repay the Lord because of His goodness.

Psalm 100

Shout for joy 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.

Goodness of God

**I love You Lord, oh, Your mercy never fails me;
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.**

**All my life You have been faithful;
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.**

**I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God.**

**Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.**

A Time Of Thanksgiving
Congregation

We Are God's People
Hymn No. 283

**We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,
And strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently,
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.**

**We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He will us be a family
Diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
And so shall His work on earth be done.**

**We are a Temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone, for on its own
Each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on
To give warmth and light and to inspire.**

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Benediction

Thank you for coming and sharing this special time with us this morning. At Western Springs Baptist Church, we believe that real life is found in a relationship with Jesus Christ. If you would like to learn about how you can have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ or about our ministries, please contact us at www.wsbc.info. If you do not have a church home and are looking for a place to worship, we invite you to attend our Worship Services here on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM.



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**Join us for our Advent Services starting
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