With grateful hearts
We gather to worship and praise God
November 22, 2026 at **10:00 AM**

Prelude *We Believe* Praise Team

Welcome & announcements

Confession and forgiveness

1 John 1:5-10
This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.

In silence we confess the times we have chosen darkness over light and convenient lies over difficult truth.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son purifies us from all sin.

In silence we confess the times we have hurt others through our words or deeds.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

We confess that we are sinners. We ask forgiveness for the wrong we have done and the good we have left undone. We trust in your mercy, O God, our gracious and loving redeemer. Amen.

Hear this good news, God is faithful. Your sins are forgiven + in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise* by Kirk Dearman

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord,
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord,
And we offer up to you, the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And we offer up to you, the sacrifices of joy.

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And we offer up to you, the sacrifices of joy.

1984 New Spring (Admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc.). CCLI #11575839

A Litany of Thanksgiving, by Howard Thurman (1900-1981), pastor, theologian, poet.

In your presence, O God, we make our Sacrament of Thanksgiving.
We begin with the simple things of our days:

Fresh air to breathe.
Cool water to drink,
The taste of food,

The protection of houses and clothes,
The comforts of home.
For all these we make an act of Thanksgiving this day!

We bring to mind all the warmth of humankind that we have known:

Our mothers' arms, the strength of our fathers,
The playmates of our childhood,

The wonderful stories brought to us from the lives of many who talked of days gone by when fairies and giants and diverse kinds of magic held sway;

The tears we have shed, the tears we have seen;
The excitement of laughter and the twinkle in the eye with its reminder that life is good.
For all these we make an act of Thanksgiving this day.

Psalm 95:1-7
O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Song *Shout to the Lord* by Darlene Zschech

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You,
All of my days, I want to praise, the wonders of Your mighty love;
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing, power and majesty, praise to the King;
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar, at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have, nothing compares to the promise I have,
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

1993 Wondrous Worship (Admin. by Reservoir Media Management, Inc.). CCLI #11575839

Psalm 107
1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.
2 Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,
8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind,
9 for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.
2 Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

Philippians 4:4-7
Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.
Let your moderation be known to all. The Lord is at hand.
Do not be anxious about anything; but in every thing by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation** *Seek Ye First* Brown Hymnal #42

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and HIs righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you, Allelu, Alleluia.

1972 CCCM Music & Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing. CCLI #11575839

Gospel **Matthew 6:25-33**
A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew, the 6th chapter.
Glory to you O Lord.
25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? **26** Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? **27** Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life[a]?
28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. **29** Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. **30** If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? **31** So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' **32** For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. **33** But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *We Are An Offering* by Dwight Liles

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be we give to You, we give to You.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering, we are an offering.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering.

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We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering, we are an offering.

1984 Curb Word Music (Admin. by WC Music Corp.) CCLI #11575839

***Apostle's Creed**
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession**

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine. Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and property teams. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we entrust to you all who have asked us to pray and remember especially those on our prayer list. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

Offering *Give Thanks* by Henry Smith & Ken Barker

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ his Son,
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ His Son, Give Thanks.

1978 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (Admin. by Integrity Music) CCLI #11575839

***Words of Institution**

***The Lord's Prayer** **Sung**

Invitation to Communion

We are here because Jesus has called us –
believers and doubters,
the certain and the curious.
It is always a mixed company that Jesus gathers
and invites to his table where, in bread and wine,
he meets us. So come,
not because you understand,
but because you are understood.
Come,
not because of how you feel,
but because God has food for you.
Come, not because you deserve a place,
but because Jesus invites you,
just as you are.

(Adapted from the Iona Community in Scotland.)

Hymn during Communion *You're Worthy of My Praise* Praise Team

Benediction Praise Team

Closing Hymn *Great is the Lord* by Michael W. Smith & Deborah D. Smith

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, By His power we trust in His love,
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, By His mercy He proves he is love.

Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory, Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, Now lift up your voice,
Great is the Lord, Great is the Lord!

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, By His power we trust in His love,
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, By His mercy He proves he is love.

Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory,
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice,
Great are You Lord, Great are You Lord!

1982 Meadowgreen Music Company (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) CCLI #11575839

Dismissal

Go with grateful hearts, blessed to be a blessing.
Thanks be to God.

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Advent Schedule

Men's Ecumenical Breakfast: Fridays, Dec. 4, 11, 18 – 6:30 a.m. at Grace

Advent Wednesdays at Trinity

Dec. 2: Prepare the Way of the Lord, Greening of the Church– Potluck Supper 5:45pm
Service 6:30pm
Dec. 9: All God's People Celebrate – led by Confirmation Class – Supper 5:45pm
Service 6:30pm
Dec. 16: Angels & Prophets: Visited & Sent – Supper 5:45pm (Would you like to host?)
Service 6:30pm

Christmas Eve Services

2:00 p.m. at Grace
5:00 p.m. at Grace
7:30 p.m. at Trinity
Have Special Music to offer? Please contact the office ASAP!