

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 2023

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God of love, you hold our hearts in your hands.

God of love, you hold our lives in your light.

God of love, you hold our present in your care.

We are still, and we listen for your voice. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

God you are our Creator, our Source; we are made in your image.

**We belong to you, and we praise you.**

Christ, you are our companion and our leader; we are your Body.

**We belong to you, and we thank you.**

Holy Spirit, you guide us and empower us; we are vessels of your grace.

**We belong to you, and we serve you.**

**Holy God, in praise and devotion we worship you. Alleluia!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

We Give Thee but Thine Own

Hymnal, No. 708

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us go before God,  
seeking forgiveness and peace.

**God of justice and truth,  
you ask us to give to you the things that are yours.**

**If we are honest,  
we know we hold so much back.**

**We have promised you our obedience,  
but we often fulfill our own desires first.**

**We have promised you our worship,  
but we give our attention to idols instead.**

**We have promised to do your work in the world,  
but we put it last on the list of priorities.**

**Have mercy on us and forgive us.**

**Increase our generosity that we might give freely,  
grateful for all of the gifts you have given us.**

*(Time of silent reflection)*

The good news remains true:  
God has chosen us, forgives us,  
and walks beside us,  
helping us become imitators of Christ.

**Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Alleluia!**

\*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

Glory to God

Hymnal, No. 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Charlotte Lovett

SCRIPTURE READING

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Page No. 959

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 99

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.**

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

**Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

**Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.**

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

**O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

**for the Lord our God is holy.**

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:15-22

Page No. 803

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Show Me the Coin

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

When We are Living

Hymnal, No. 822

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe there is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.  
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

*(Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39)*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

*Please pray the Lord's Prayer  
in the language and wording most familiar to you.*

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

Give Thanks

Hymnal, No. 647

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

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!" (repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

### **FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

Give Thanks, O Christian People

Hymnal, No. 644

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

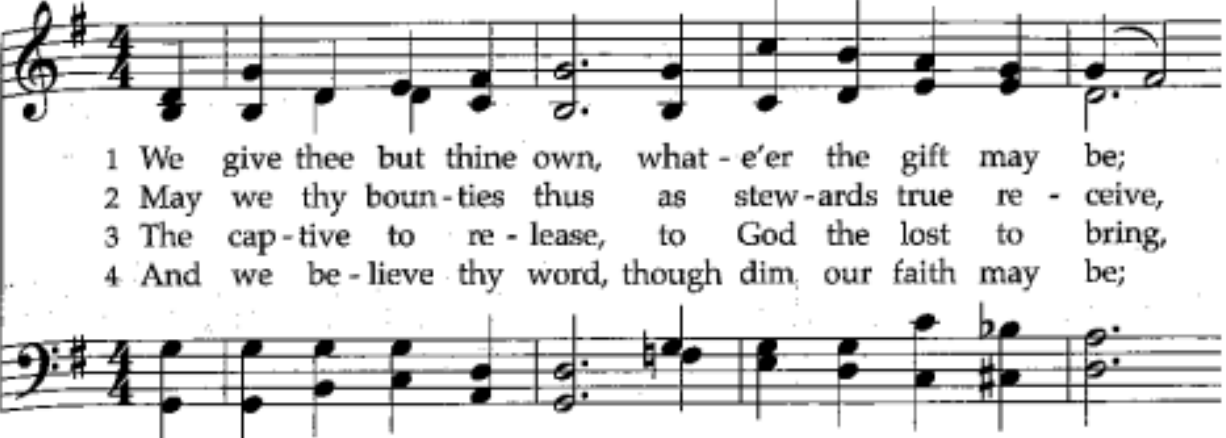
We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

**Lectionary Readings** for October 29: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 and Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 and Psalm 1; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

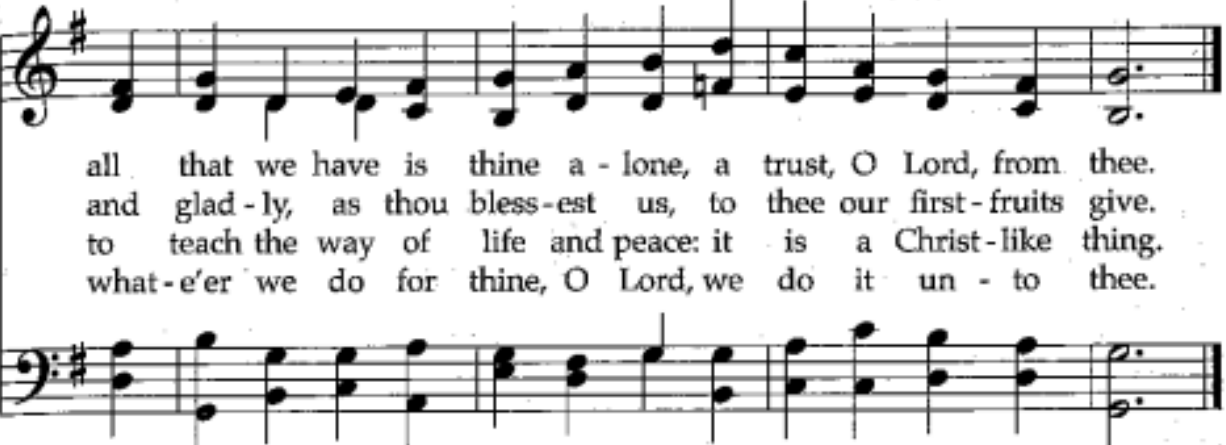
The Food & Shelter items of the month for **October are laundry soup and towels (used is fine). Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**

**Hearing-assistance** devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

# We Give Thee but Thine Own 708



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive,  
3 The cap-tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim, our faith may be;



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ - like thing.  
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

# When We Are Living

822

*Pues si vivimos*



1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,  
 2 Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.  
 3 Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,  
 4 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find

1 *Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra Él vi - vi - mos,*  
 2 *En es - ta vi - da fru - tos hay que dar*  
 3 *En la tris - te - za y en el do - lor,*  
 4 *En es - te mun - do por do - quier ha - brá*



and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.  
 Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer - ing.  
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace,  
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind,  
*y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra Él mo - ri - mos.*  
*y bue - nas o - bras he - mos de o - fren - dar.*  
*en la be - lle - za y en el a - mor,*  
*gen - te que llo - ra y sin con - so - lar.*



Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,  
 When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,  
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,  
 but when we help them, or when we feed them,

*Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,*  
*Sea ya que de - mos o que re - ci - ba - mos,*  
*sea que su - fra - mos o que go - ce - mos,*  
*Sea que a - yu - de - mos o que a - li - men - te - mos,*



we be - long to God; we be - long to God.  
*so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.*

# Give Thanks, O Christian People 644



- 1 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for work-ers of our day
- 2 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for lead - ers of our years
- 3 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for all who love the Lord,
- 4 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for life in fel - low - ship



who heed the call to ser - vice and make it their life's way  
who live to share with oth - ers our joy when Christ ap - pears,  
who live each day be - liev - ing in God's e - ter - nal Word:  
with all who trust our Sav - ior their serv - ing to e - quip:



to go to feed the hun - gry, to tend to those in need,  
to teach the ones who seek light, to guide the fal - tering feet,  
to share Christ's love in liv - ing, to wit - ness with each deed,  
to ease an - oth - er's bur - dens, to cope in joy and stress,



to work for e - qual jus - tice, till all God's folk are freed.  
to lead the fol - lowers for - ward our liv - ing Lord to meet.  
to use the tal - ents giv - en, to plant the gos - pel seed.  
to mag - ni - fy God's mes - sage and Christ's great love con - fess.

