

**Bold Text** is read or sung by the congregation

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

CHIMING THE HOUR/TIME OF CENTERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Collins

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

**Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.

Give thanks to the Lord; bless God's name.

**For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever  
and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

\*Prayer for the Day

**God of grace, you hear our cries and honor our tears. Stir in us such passion during worship that we might live our lives giving you our very best, for the glory of your name. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

**Come, ye thankful people, come;  
raise the song of harvest home.**

**All is safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin.**

**God, our Maker, doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied.**

**Come to God's own temple, come;  
raise the song of harvest home.**

**All the world is God's own field,  
fruit in thankful praise to yield,  
wheat and tares together sown,  
unto joy or sorrow grown.**

**First the blade, and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear.**

**Lord of harvest, grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* | No. 367

**For the Lord our God shall come,  
and shall take the harvest home;  
from each field shall in that day  
all offenses purge away;**

**Give the angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in God's garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come  
to thy final harvest home.**

**Gather thou thy people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,**

**There forever purified,  
in thy presence to abide:  
come, with all thine angels, come;  
raise the glorious harvest home!**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*  
TEXT: Henry Alford, 1844  
MUSIC: George Job Elvey, 1858  
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Faithful God, we have failed to help those who have little while we have much. We are boastful and haughty, and fail to appreciate the gifts you have given. Our arrogance has led us away from your righteous way. Forgive us and lead us into your path, for Jesus's sake. Amen. (A time for silent confession)**

POURING OF THE WATER

*Because of the grace we receive in baptism, we have nothing to fear.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Siblings in Christ, in Jesus Christ, all our failings are washed away  
and our thirst for goodness is quenched. Believe the good news of the Gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

### REFRAIN:

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**O God, to whom shall we go?  
You alone have the words of life.  
Let your words be our prayer  
and the song we sing:**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!* | No. 591  
**hallelujah, hallelujah!**

### [REFRAIN]

**My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.  
When I call them they follow me.  
I will lead them to rest  
by the peaceful streams:  
hallelujah, hallelujah!**

### [REFRAIN]

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*For the Autumn Sky* | Grace Choir  
Words & Music by Ruth Elaine Schram

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 13:1-8

## \*HYMN

**Let all things now living  
a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;**

**Who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.**

**God's banners are o'er us;  
pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:**

**Till shadows have vanished,  
all fearfulness banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.**

**By law God enforces,**

*Let All Things Now Living* | No. 37

**the stars in their courses,  
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;**

**The hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the depths of the ocean  
proclaim God divine.**

**We too should be voicing  
our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,**

**Till all things now living  
unite in thanksgiving:  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!**

*Let All Things Now Living*  
TEXT: Katherine K. Davis, 1939, alt  
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody  
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## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Confession of 1967*

**In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all...The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for people when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.**

**The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when those same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail.**

## JOYS &amp; CONCERNS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE &amp; THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Glory to God* | p. 35

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen.**

## CALL TO GIVE

## OFFERING &amp; OFFERTORY

## \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* | LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Dear God, with thanksgiving we offer these gifts back to you. Multiply them that they might serve to build up your kingdom on earth. All glory, praise, and honor are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*We Gather Together* | No. 336

**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.**

**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!**

**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!**

*We Gather Together*  
TEXT: African American Spiritual  
MUSIC: African American Spiritual; arr. Wendell P. Whalum, 1984  
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**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Remember you are a child of God:  
**And God loves God's children.**

# NOV 17 - 24

## Event & Celebrations

SUN   17	MON   18	TUE   19	WED   20
Sunday Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship Hour, 11:00AM NA of EP, 3:00PM	BIRTHDAY Savannah Romero	GraceB4Work, 7:00AM	Session, 6:00PM

SUN   24
Sunday Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship Hour, 11:00AM Advent Decorating, after Fellowship Time NA of EP, 3:00PM



PRISON FELLOWSHIP  
**ANGEL TREE**

ANGEL TREE TAGS ARE AVAILABLE

Simply pick a tag off the Angel Tree located in the **hallway and shop that child's Christmas Wish List.** Return wrapped gifts and ANGEL TAGS to Grace by **DECEMBER 8TH**, so they can be distributed.

## Prayers & Concerns

Bob Hedicke	Mildred Helm	Russell Wiggs
Barbara Frey	Pete McMillan	Billy Beard

Offerings can be made online with no fee using Zelle®  
Find us using our phone number **(915) 755-8206** or email address **office@epgrace.com**. For all offerings given in any form, thank you!

### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor — Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith  
Music Director — Brittney Williams  
Additional Accompaniment — Bill Rose

Liturgist — Nancy Collins  
Accompanist/Pianist — Patricia Provencio  
Technology — Bob Jones & Jim Collins