

November 2024 Newsletter

West Alexander Presbyterian Church

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This Month's Message

Psalm 100: 4 "Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him; bless His name."

The very first thanksgiving took place in 1621 in Plymouth, Massachusetts. The then Wampanoag people and the Pilgrims (English Colonists) shared a harvest feast. This feast is said to have lasted three days.

The Pilgrims were Christians, deeply committed to their faith. They were known as Puritans, holding strong Calvinist Protestant beliefs.

Thanksgiving has evolved over the centuries, becoming a tradition of friends and family gathering together. It is a time of reflection on all our many blessings bestowed upon us by God. This Thanksgiving, let us remember to give thanks for God's Grace and Mercy, for His ever presence in our lives, and for the Gift of the Christian Community and fellowship of our Congregation.



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Opportunities to learn and grow with others

Adult Friendship Class —Choir Room 9:30 am

Adult Praying Hearts Group— Fellowship Hall 9:30 am

Children’s Christian Education —Youth Room 9:30 am



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To request prayer by the church, call or email the church office at wapc-admin@comcast.net or 724-484-7542. Praying Hearts Christian Education Class will receive your request and honor it. Also, Elder Jane Noble, Clerk of Session, 304.639.9148, and Deacon Kathy Morgan, 724.255.1845, welcome your prayer requests. Please tell us if your request is to be held in confidence or included in the Prayers for the People in morning worship.

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,

3
those he gathered from the lands,
from east and west, from north and south.[a]

4
Some wandered in desert wastelands,
finding no way to a city where they could settle.

5
They were hungry and thirsty,
and their lives ebbed away.

6
Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

7
He led them by a straight way
to a city where they could settle.

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.

10
Some sat in darkness, in utter darkness,
prisoners suffering in iron chains,

11
because they rebelled against God’s commands
and despised the plans of the Most High.

12
So he subjected them to bitter labor;
they stumbled, and there was no one to help.

13
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress.

14
He brought them out of darkness, the utter darkness,
and broke away their chains.

15
Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind,

16
for he breaks down gates of bronze
and cuts through bars of iron.

17
Some became fools through their rebellious ways
and suffered affliction because of their iniquities.

18
They loathed all food
and drew near the gates of death.

19
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress.

20
He sent out his word and healed them;
he rescued them from the grave.

21
Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind.

22
Let them sacrifice thank offerings
and tell of his works with songs of joy.

23
Some went out on the sea in ships;
they were merchants on the mighty
waters.

24
They saw the works of the Lord,
his wonderful deeds in the deep.

25
For he spoke and stirred up a tempest
that lifted high the waves.

26
They mounted up to the heavens and
went down to the depths;
in their peril their courage melted
away.

27
They reeled and staggered like drunkards;
they were at their wits’ end.

28
Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,
and he brought them out of their distress.

29
He stilled the storm to a whisper;
the waves of the sea[b] were hushed.

30
They were glad when it grew calm,
and he guided them to their desired haven.

31
Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind.

32
Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people
and praise him in the council of the elders.

33
He turned rivers into a desert,
flowing springs into thirsty ground,

34
and fruitful land into a salt waste,
because of the wickedness of those who lived there.

35
He turned the desert into pools of water
and the parched ground into flowing springs;

36
there he brought the hungry to live,
and they founded a city where they could settle.

37
They sowed fields and planted vineyards
that yielded a fruitful harvest;

38
he blessed them, and their numbers greatly increased,
and he did not let their herds diminish.

39
Then their numbers decreased, and they were humbled
by oppression, calamity and sorrow;

40
he who pours contempt on nobles
made them wander in a trackless waste.

41
But he lifted the needy out of their affliction
and increased their families like flocks.

42
The upright see and rejoice,
but all the wicked shut their mouths.

43
Let the one who is wise heed these things
and ponder the loving deeds of the Lord.

**GIVE THANKS
TO THE LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD;
HIS LOVE ENDURES
FOREVER.**

PSALM 107:1

BIBLE VERSES FOR GIVING THANKS

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

PSALM 103:1-4

Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all His benefits — who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7 (NKJV)

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

JAMES 1:17

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

1 CHRONICLES 16:34 (ESV)

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

HEBREWS 12:28

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire."

PSALM 95:1-5 (NKJV)

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the LORD is the great God, and the great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth' the heights of the hills are His also. The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land.

PSALM 118:24 (ESV)

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

COLOSSIANS 3:15-17

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

1 CHRONICLES 29:13 (NKJV)

"Now therefore, our God, we thank You and praise Your glorious name."

EPHESIANS 5:18-20 (NASB)

... but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your hearts to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to our God and Father.



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**The 2nd Wednesday of every month, 9-11 am.
West Alexander Fair Grounds**

Beginning October 1, 2024, there are two changes:

- 1). Pennsylvania guidelines require you to register your income and family information on-line at : www.foodhelpers.org.
You must re-register even if you have picked up a food box previously
- 2). Restrictions apply—**Washington County Residents ONLY**

After your on-line registration is complete, just pull up, open your trunk and a box of non-perishable food items will be loaded into your vehicle.

Please plan on coming every month
Questions? Call Lynne at 724-678-0738 or visit
Food Helper's website at www.foodhelpers.org

Trustee's notes:

We hope you are enjoying the newly paved parking areas. The concrete curbs in the rear lot have been painted for better visibility. The furnace will be maintenance for winter very soon. As we once again look forward to the 2025 summer season, we are obtaining bids for air conditioning to include the fellowship hall as well as offices and choir room. As always, should you notice any issue that needs our attention, please contact a Trustee or the church office.

Happy Thanksgiving

The Trustees.



PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

"We Gather Together" is a Christian

Hymn of Dutch origin written in 1597 by Adrianus Valerius to celebrate the Dutch victory over Spanish forces in the Battle of Turnhout. It was originally set to a Dutch folk tune. In the United States, it became associated with Thanksgiving and is often sung at family meals and at religious services on that day.

1 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.
2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning:
the Lord was at our side- the glory be Thine!
3 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!

HEBREWS 13:15

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise — the fruit of lips that openly profess His name.

Nov 4 Dianna Smith
Nov 16 Darrell Sprowls
Nov 19 Dalton McCuen
Nov 22 Sam Wood
Nov 23 Kristin Dolence
Nov 23 Heather Hunter
Nov 23 Carol Sprowls
Nov 27 Nathan Arnold
Nov 28 Ann Hoge



ETHIOPIA CHILDREN'S LITERACY PROJECT

Although we did not sell pumpkins this year, a "mini" Turkey Dinner will be held on November 17th as a fundraiser..

Contact Jane or call the church office to place your family's reservation.



NOVEMBER 2024



When you owe your life to someone, you'd better live it.

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| <p>3 9:30 am Sun. School 11:00 am Worship All Saint's Service</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>6 AA Meeting 6pm</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8</p> | <p>9</p> |
| <p>10 9:30 am Sun. School 11:00 am Worship</p> | <p>11 Trustees Meeting 6pm</p> | <p>12 Deacon's Meeting 7pm</p> | <p>13 Truck to Trunk 9-11am AA Meeting 6pm</p> | <p>14</p> | <p>15</p> | <p>16</p> |
| <p>17 9:30 am Sun. School 11:00 am Worship Thanksgiving Dinner after service</p> | <p>18</p> | <p>19</p> | <p>20 AA Meeting 6pm</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> | <p>23</p> |
| <p>24 9:30 am Sun. School 11:00 am Worship</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27 AA Meeting 6pm</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> |

November 2024 Lectionary Readings

Friday, November 1
Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
Nahum 2:13–3:7
Rev. 13:1–10
Luke 12:13–31

Saturday, November 2
Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Nah. 3:8–19
Rev. 13:11–18
Luke 12:32–48

Sunday, November 3
Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Zeph. 1:1–6
1 Cor. 12:27–13:13
Matt. 18:21–35

Monday, November 4
Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Zeph. 1:7–13
Rev. 14:1–13
Luke 12:49–59

Tuesday, November 5
Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Zeph. 1:14–18
Rev. 14:14–15:8
Luke 13:1–9

Wednesday, November 6
Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Zeph. 2:1–15
Rev. 16:1–11
Luke 13:10–17

Thursday, November 7
Morning: Pss. 97;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
Zeph. 3:1–7
Rev. 16:12–21
Luke 13:18–30

Friday, November 8
Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
Zeph. 3:8–13
Rev. 17:1–18
Luke 13:31–35

Saturday, November 9
Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Zeph. 3:14–20
Rev. 18:1–14
Luke 14:1–11

Sunday, November 10
Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
Joel 1:1–13
1 Cor. 14:1–12
Matt. 20:1–16

Monday, November 11
Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
Joel 1:15–2:2
Rev. 18:15–24
Luke 14:12–24

Tuesday, November 12
Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
Joel 2:3–11
Rev. 19:1–10
Luke 14:25–35

Wednesday, November 13
Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
Joel 2:12–19
Rev. 19:11–21
Luke 15:1–10

Thursday, November 14
Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–
20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
Joel 2:21–27
Jas. 1:1–15
Luke 15:1–2, 11–32

Friday, November 15
Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
Joel 2:28–3:8
Jas. 1:16–27
Luke 16:1–9

Saturday, November 16
Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
Joel 3:9–17
Jas. 2:1–13
Luke 16:10–17 (18)
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Sunday, November 17
Morning: Pss. 67; 150
Evening: Pss. 46; 93
Hab. 1:1–4 (5–11) 12–2:1
Phil. 3:13–4:1
Matt. 23:13–24

Monday, November 18
Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Hab. 2:1–4, 9–20
Jas. 2:14–26
Luke 16:19–31

Tuesday, November 19
Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Hab. 3:1–10 (11–15) 16–18
Jas. 3:1–12
Luke 17:1–10

Wednesday, November 20
Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 125; 91
Mal. 1:1, 6–14
Jas. 3:13–4:12
Luke 17:11–19

Thursday, November 21
Morning: Pss. 143;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
Mal. 2:1–16
Jas. 4:13–5:6
Luke 17:20–37

Friday, November 22
Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
Mal. 3:1–12
Jas. 5:7–12
Luke 18:1–8

Saturday, November 23
Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
Mal. 3:13–4:6
Jas. 5:13–20
Luke 18:9–14

Sunday, November 24
Christ the King/Reign of
Christ Sunday
Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
Zech. 9:9–16
1 Pet. 3:13–22
Matt. 21:1–13

Monday, November 25
Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Zech. 10:1–12
Gal. 6:1–10
Luke 18:15–30

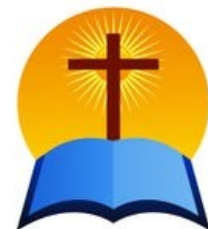
Tuesday, November 26
Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Zech. 11:4–17
1 Cor. 3:10–23
Luke 18:31–43

Wednesday, November 27
Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Zech. 12:1–10
Eph. 1:3–14
Luke 19:1–10

Thursday, November 28
Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
Zech. 13:1–9
Eph. 1:15–23
Luke 19:11–27

Friday, November 29
Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
Zech. 14:1–11
Rom. 15:7–13
Luke 19:28–40

Saturday, November 30
Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
Zech. 14:12–21
Phil. 2:1–11
Luke 19:41–48



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ISAIAH 12:4-5 (NASB)

And on that day you will say, "Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name. Make known His deeds among the peoples; make them remember that His name is exalted." Praise the LORD in song, for He has done glorious things; let this be known throughout the earth.

