



*Grace Reformed
Presbyterian Church
Thanksgiving Eve Service*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Thanksgiving Eve, November 24, 2021

Preparation for Worship: *Psalm 136:1*

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Call to Worship: *from Psalm 9*

Leader: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

All: I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Leader: You have rebuked the nations; you have made the wicked perish; you have blotted out their name forever and ever.

All: The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins; their cities you rooted out; the very memory of them has perished.

Leader: But the LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.

All: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

Leader: And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

All: Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds!

Leader: Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail; let the nations be judged before you!

All: Put them in fear, O LORD! Let the nations know that they are but men!

Invocation

+Opening Hymn: *Now Thank We All Our God*

no. 98

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

All: Almighty God and King, how we thank you for your lovingkindness and tender mercies. We come this evening to thank you for the many blessings you have provided by your mighty hand. You remember our frame, that we are but dust, weak, frail, proud, vulnerable sinners. Yet you give us food, shelter, clothing, the very air we breathe. You protect us and provide all these blessings that we might give you praise and thanksgiving. Yet we confess that we fail to honor you, praise you, thank you, as we should. Our only hope is in Jesus Christ your Son and our Lord. We thank you Father for His death and His rising on our behalf. Remind us that the end of the story is good news for all who put their hope and trust in you. Strengthen our faith and our confidence until that day when we see you face to face. In Jesus name, Amen.

+Songs of Thanksgiving: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* no. 32
Jesus Thank You

Offering: *Doxology*

Testimonies of God's Goodness

Scripture: *Colossians 4:2*

Homily: *Prayerful, Watchful, Thankful* Pastor Stan Long

+Closing Hymn: *Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart*

+Benediction

+ if able please stand

Today's offering will go to Southwest Emergency Services. SWES is based in Arbutus, helping people in the Arbutus area. It operates a small thrift store and provides emergency food to those in need. SWES also assists people facing eviction, utility cut-off and other crises. More than 95 percent of funds received by SWES goes directly to those in need.

