The Worship of God

November 24, 2016
Thanksgiving Day

Preparing for Worship

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7, NRSV

Chimes of the Trinity

Organ Prelude
Give Thanks.............................................................. arr. Joel Raney
Patty Pace, Organ
Erin Munnelly, Flute

Welcome to Worship and Invocation
David Hailey

*Hymn of Worship, 372
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come.......................St. George’s Windsor

Thanksgiving Greetings
Dyna Ngama, Pastor of Grace Church for All Nations

*Hymn of Thanksgiving, 61
We Gather Together..............................................Kreisser

*Litany of Thanksgiving
Ward Page, Kathy Teague, Larry High
Minister: As we gather on this Thanksgiving Day, we confess that we do not always express appreciation for the many varieties of God’s bounty. Today we pause to give thanks for all of our blessings.
Leader 1: Lord, we give thanks for this church where we gather to lift high the name of Jesus Christ,
Congregation: where we fellowship, study, worship and pray, seeking a deeper understanding of You.
Leader 1: For the ninety years this congregation has come together to share the Good News,
Leader 2: and for the fifty years we have paused to worship on this Thanksgiving holiday,
Congregation: we give You thanks.
Minister: For the dedication of so many lay leaders - deacons, greeters, musicians, cooks, ushers, technicians, teachers - all of them servants,
Leader 2: and for our ministers, who bring their unique gifts in service to guide us as we minister to one another and the world
Congregation: We are indeed grateful for this place and Your presence in it.
Leader 1: God, we also give thanks for the means we possess today to connect with our loved ones.
Congregation: For the technology that allows us to reach family and friends across these lands,
Leader 2: for FaceTime and texting that allows us to share precious milestones, to watch our loved ones grow,
Minister: or to engage our ministry beyond these walls.
Congregation: We are grateful for the activities that fill our lives,
Leader 2: to work, lunch with friends, crossword puzzles and a good movie,
Leader 1: And when these activities seem overwhelming, we give You thanks for opportunities to break from the noise to seize a Sabbath moment and be still.
Minister: Lord, thank You for the community that we share and that is shown, especially in the wake of great tragedy.
Leader 1: As we overcome hardships set upon us by hurricanes,
Congregation: as we witness the terror of bombs and shootings,
Minister: we thank You, God, for community that seeks to establish peace and to protect the victimized.
Congregation: For the men and women who are first responders and who serve in our nation’s armed forces, we are grateful for their continuing sacrifice and their leadership that protects our freedom.
Leader 2: We give thanks for the simple things that connect us,
Leader 1: for state fairs, full of deep-fried foods and joyful frivolity,
Congregation: for college rivalries and the thrills of national pastimes,
Minister: for the arts and the expressions of the soul that abound, connecting our hearts and our emotions to the Divine.
Congregation: thank You, God! To You we give all glory, honor and praise! AMEN!

Music for Meditation

We Delight.............................................Cashen’s Call
Bryan Mears

Sermon

Do Not Forget the Lord
Deuteronomy 6:4-12 (page 143 in the Pew Bibles)
David Hailey

Act of Thanksgiving

Kristen Muse

*A Time for Sharing
At this time, we invite you to share words of thanksgiving with your neighbor.

Count Your Blessings.............................................Blessings
When upon life’s billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

CHORUS
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

The Doxology.......................................................Old One Hundred
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*The Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God.................................Wilbur Held
Patty Pace, Organ

*Those who are able may stand with minister.

*Our Music Ministry Intern, Tyler Ingram, is conducting this morning.
ABOUT TODAY’S WORSHIP
The Cornucopia is to remind us of our numerous blessings. It is given in memory and honor of our loving parents by Jimmy and Audrey Lasiter.

Theo preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.” (Psalm 23:5-6).

ADVENT WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:
Sunday Morning Worship........... Sundays at 11:00 a.m.
Hanging of the Greens ............ December 4 at 5:00 p.m.
Family Night Christmas........... December 14 at 6:00 p.m.
Join us for a special dinner and a missions celebration for all ages.
Go Tell It On the Mountain........ December 18 at 11:00 a.m.
Christmas Worship led by Chancel Choir and Orchestra
Living Nativity ..................... December 22-24 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Bring family and friends to this special Christmas tradition.
Christmas Eve Worship ........... Family Christmas Eve worship at 4:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Communion worship at 6:00 p.m.
Private Communion in the Sanctuary from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

HANGING OF THE GREENS—DECEMBER 4, 2016, 5:00 PM
Join us for our traditional “greening of the sanctuary” led by our Children’s Choirs and Youth Choir. Celebrate the majesty of the Advent season with us as we prepare our hearts and our sanctuary for the birth of Christ.

WE NEED COOKIES!
The Food Services Committee needs 45 dozen cookies for the reception following Hanging of the Greens on December 4. You can help! Call the church office or contact Debra Barrier (dbrarian@aanetcorp.com) and sign up; make sure to let us know how many dozen cookies you plan to make!

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS
Each Christmas we beautify our Sanctuary with poinsettias. The poinsettias cost $12 each, and you can order one on our website (www.hbbc.org/ poinsettia) or with the form in the pew pad or Happenings. A list of donors will be published. The deadline for submitting orders is December 4.

ANGEL TREE 2016
It is the season of giving at Hayes Barton Baptist Church! The Project Angel Tree Christmas tree is up in the Family Life Center. Be a part of making some Christmas wishes come true by grabbing an angel or two off the tree. You can purchase clothing and gifts for children and women in the area who otherwise might not receive any. We will have over 200 angels at the church that need to be picked up. Think and pray over how you can contribute to this project, because this little angel makes a big difference.

THE LIVING NATIVITY TEAM NEEDS YOU
As we prepare for Christmas, our Living Nativity Committee is gathering people and resources to share the unique blessing of the Christmas Story with our community. We need your help now, as we look forward to December 22-24 from 7-9 PM. We need people to help set up the Living Nativity Stage on Dec 3rd at 9:00. Also we need help with putting up the greenery on stage Dec 17th at 9:00. If you could help with either date, please email Amsiha Turlington (aturlington@att.net) and leave me your email and phone number if you are available ASAP so we can make sure we have enough hands to help with getting ready for the season.