



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 19TH, 2023

# Welcome to Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Members and friends gather here each Sunday morning (and lots of times during the week!) to celebrate and serve. We rejoice that you are here, and hope that you'll feel right at home.



**Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.**



Face Masks are optional for all activities and are available upon request.



Friendship Pew Pads can be found at the end of each pew.

Please fill them out and pass along to your neighbors.

Visitors are encouraged to reach out about activities they may be interested in.

WPC Directory Our church uses the online directory feature of Planning Center.

Find it online or on the Church Center app. Contact the church office with questions.

WPC Happenings Stay informed! Physical copies available out in the Narthex.



Visual Worship Schedules are available upon request.



If You Need a Little Help Hearing, portable listening devices are available.

An All Gender, ADA Restroom is located in the Narthex.



An Infant Changing Station and Quiet Room for parents is located in the Narthex.

Activity Packets are available for children to use during worship.

Fidget Toys for children (and adults) are available at the Narthex entrance.



Gluten Free Cookies are labeled and available during coffee hour.

Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.

WPC uses bread that is gluten free and made without tree nuts or peanuts.

**Please ask an usher if you need help; we are here to assist you!**

## **STAFF & HOURS**

PASTOR: Rev. François Lacroix

- Tuesday, 11:00am-4:00pm
- Wednesday, 10:00am-2:00pm

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. Taylor Cornelius

- Monday, 11:00am-4:430pm
- Thursday, 10:00am-1:00pm

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Lee Hagon-Kerr

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: Nathan Gibson

- Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR: Leslie Krowchenko

CLERK OF SESSION: Christine Darr

CO-TREASURERS: Ed Mattote and Todd Darr

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Michelle Hall

***A community where all who seek God are Welcome...***



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WORDS FOR MEDITATION

"Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude." — A.A. Milne, Winnie-the-Pooh

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

#### OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 103

NRSV OT 554

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—**

**who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,**

**who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

**who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

**The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.**

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

**as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

**As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.**

For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field;

for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

**But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,**

**to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.**

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

**Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to his spoken word.**

Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will.

Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul.

\*OPENING HYMN #643

Now Thank We All Our God

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## A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*All children are invited to come forward at this time. Parents are encouraged to accompany younger children and sit with them on the chancel steps or in the front seats. Then, children (18 months –11 years) are invited to Sunday School classes or to stay with us in worship. If this is your child's first time going to Sunday School, please accompany them downstairs in order to register your child.*

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

A Prayer on SLANE

Irish folk tune arr. J. Honoré

## A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Give thanks to the Lord who is good. **God's love is everlasting.**

Come, let us praise God joyfully. **Let us come to God with thanksgiving.**

For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors; **Thank you, God.**

For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying; **Thank you, God.**

For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement; **Thank you, God.**

For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures; **Thank you, God.**

For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies; **Thank you, God.**

For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence toward worn-out values; for their search for freedom; for their solemn vows; **Thank you, God.**

For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing; **Thank you, God.**

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger; **Thank you, God.**

For the community of faith into which we have been called; for our life together in community; **We praise you, God.**

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good. **God's love is everlasting. Amen.**

## ANTHEM

With Lifted Hands and Grateful Hearts

Mary Kay Beall

*We cannot own a summer day, a forest green, a moonlit sky. These lovely things will pass away. We cannot hold them if we try. But we can offer thanks to God for each good gift his love imparts. yes, we can offer thanks to God with lifted hands and grateful hearts. We cannot own a baby's smile, a lover's touch, a new day's dawn. Each one is ours for just a while, a moment brief and then it's gone. But we can offer thanks to God for each good gifts his love imparts. Yes, we can offer thanks to God with lifted hands and grateful hearts. We cannot own the things we love, the fertile fields, the faithful friends. Good gifts are lent from up above, and all these gifts come to an end. But we can own the grace of God, the peace and power his love imparts. And we can offer thanks each day, our loving thanks with lifted hands and grateful hearts.*

PASTORAL PRAYER, CONFESSION, PARDON AND INTERCESSION

O God, the gift of your Son is the life-changing treasure that is truly beyond all value.

Your generosity and goodness astound us! Inspire us to teach your commandments and share your gospel, that all may enter into the joy of Christ. Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or one another. You have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love.

**Even so, we have not lived according to your will. When we are oppressed or unjustly accused, we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws. Too often we forget to be thankful.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness, that we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace. Amen.

Children of light, because we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ, we need not fear - for he lived for us, he died for us, he was raised for us and prays for us.

Believe the promise of your baptism: **in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Now, let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,

**O God of hope, awaken us to your new world.**

We pray for all leaders and people of the world that we may expose the powers and principalities of injustice and work together to build your reign of peace.

O God of hope, **awaken us to your new world.**

We pray for all who yearn for your light to break forth in places of sickness, toil, or danger, that we may find our way to your glorious realm through our love for one another.

O God of hope, **awaken us to your new world.**

Your coming is the dawn of a new day that brings hope and healing to our lives. Fill your church with the light of your love that we may be still and know that you are God and stand in wonder of your majesty.

O God of hope, **awaken us to your new world.**

Rouse us to live in this present age in light of our hope for your return. Inspire us to encourage each other to tend the earth and to press harder than we think we can to work toward your new creation.

O God of hope, **awaken us to your new world.**

Give us the courage to acknowledge human frailty, limitation, and even death, with confidence in you our loving God. For we dwell forever in light with you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. **Amen.**

\*RESPONSE 582                      Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me                      GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

***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.***

THANKS LIVING, SOME THOUGHTS

### MISSION AND MINISTRY

#### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*As disciples of Jesus, we are called to live thankful lives encouraging one another and building each other up. How can we encourage you in your journey of discipleship? How can we help to build you up in the practice of your faith?*

*Will you join us as we strive to encourage one another and build each other up? If you are ready and willing, we are ready to receive you.*

#### CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

#### OFFERTORY

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

P. Taylor



If you wish to give electronically from your smartphone or tablet, please scan the box at the left, to go to the website where you can give to WPC via credit card, or give via the Church Center app.

#### \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;***

***Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**For all that you are and all that you do, we give you thanks, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We wait in hope for the coming of your realm and offer these gifts to further your kingdom on earth; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### SENDING

#### \*CLOSING HYMN #647

Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

#657

Sing to God (Verses 1 & 4)

GLENDON

#647

Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

#### \*BENEDICTION AND PEACE

*(Please exchange with one another, by words and gestures, signs of peace and reconciliation.)*

***\*Those who are able, please stand.***

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*Thank you to Cyndi Lacroix, and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.*

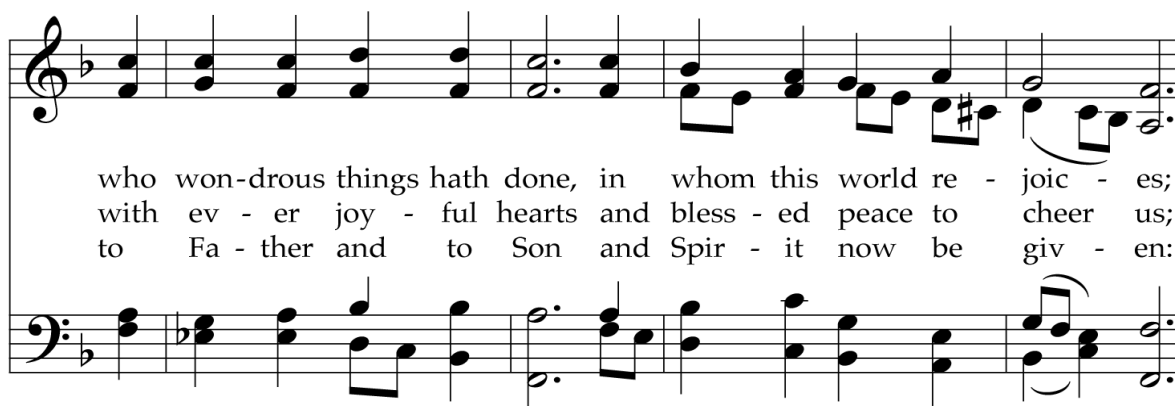
*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Joe and Anita Pew*

*In loving memory of their son, Robert Pew*

## 643 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,



who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
 to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:



who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
 the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.



647

## Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give

Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the

poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for

us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

Drawing on language from 2 Corinthians 6:10 and 12:10 as well as Psalm 126:3, this short and repetitive song can be easily memorized. The simple vocabulary makes it suitable for multigenerational use, reminding all ages how gratitude for God's goodness changes our perspective.

TEXT: Henry Smith, 1978, alt.

MUSIC: Henry Smith, 1978

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GIVE THANKS

Irregular



# 657 Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness

(Psalm 147)

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (D)  
 Refrain F Dm Gm7 C F

Sing to God, with joy and glad - ness, hymns and

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (Bm) (Em7)  
 Dm Gm7 F Dm Gm7

psalms of grat - i - tude; with the voice of praise

(A) (D) (Bm) (Em7) (D)  
 C F Dm Gm7 F *Fine*

dis - cov - er that to wor - ship God is good.

(Bm) (Em7) (A) (F#) (G)  
 Dm Gm7 C A Bb

1 God u - nites the scat - tered peo - ple, gath - ers  
 2 Such is God's great power and wis - dom, none can  
 3 God with clouds the sky has cur - tained, thus en -  
 4 God's dis - cern - ment nev - er fa - vors strength or

(Em) (F#) (F#7) (Bm) (Em7) (A)  
 Gm A A7 Dm Gm7 C

those who wan - dered far, heals the hurt and bro - ken  
 cal - cu - late or tell; keen is God to ground the  
 sur - ing rain shall fall; earth, re - spond - ing, grows to  
 speed to lift or move; God de - lights in those who

(D) (G) (Em7) (A) *to Refrain*  
 F Bb Gm7 C (D)  
 F

spir - its, tend - ing ev - ery wound and scar.  
 wick - ed and with hum - ble folk to dwell.  
 or - der food for crea - tures great and small.  
 wor - ship, trust - ing in God's stead - fast love.

The five songs of praise that conclude the biblical psalter (Psalms 146–150) all begin and end with “Hallelujah!” That ecstatic Hebrew word is expanded here into the refrain that opens and closes this paraphrase of Psalm 147, an appropriate frame for its theme of thanksgiving.

# Wallingford Presbyterian Church

## ChristMarket 2023



WPC supports several charitable groups throughout the year, missions near and far, such as **Chester Eastside** (<https://ceichester.org/>), **The America Team for Displaced Eritreans** (<https://eritreanrefugees.org/>), and **New Life Center** (<https://newlifecenterfoundation.org>).

You may choose specific groups or **(NEW)** choose to give a lump sum to be distributed among all of the groups. We will still have printed cards available should you want to send them to loved ones informing them that you have contributed in their honor as an alternative gift.

We are sorting these as International, National, and Local efforts. Website URLs are included so you can learn more and we will speak about these organizations leading up to Advent so we can be better informed.

Physical order forms available soon!

## **INTERNATIONAL:**

**Malala Fund** <https://malala.org/>

Malala Fund's Education Champion Network supports the work of educators and advocates and helps bolster girls' secondary education around the world.

**Heifer International** <https://www.heifer.org/>

Works In 19 countries with local farmers and business owners. Support farmers and their communities as they mobilize and envision their futures, provide training so they can improve the quantity and quality of the goods they produce, and connections to market to increase sales and incomes.

**The America Team for Displaced Eritreans** [www.EritreanRefugees.org](http://www.EritreanRefugees.org)

Assisting Eritrean refugees and asylum seekers around the world who have fled acute oppression in their homeland in Northeast Africa.

**New Life Center** <https://newlifecenterfoundation.org/>

Based in Thailand, tribal women who are survivors of abuse and exploitation receive educational and residential services, gaining skills to become self-sufficient.

## **NATIONAL:**

**4 Paws for Ability** <https://www.4pawsforability.org/>

Works to enrich the lives of children and veterans with disabilities by breeding, training and placing life-changing service dogs.

**Arbor Day Foundation** <https://www.arborday.org>

Facilitating trees to fight climate issues. Will plant 500 million trees by 2027 where most. Has a network of global partners, a science- based approach, and more than 50 years of planting trees.

## **LOCAL:**

**Spring Garden Soup Society** <https://springgardensoupsociety.org/>

Provides financial aid to selected Philadelphia institutions which provide food for those in need. For 150 years the Society has been feeding the hungry in Philadelphia.

**City Team - Chester** [cityteam.org](http://cityteam.org)

Helping Chester residents through faith-based assistance with homelessness, hunger, poverty and addiction.

**Chester Eastside** <https://ceichester.org>

Works to help children and families in Chester by providing access to hunger safety net programs and a safe environment for adult and youth education and exploration.

**Crum Creek Watershed Association** <https://www.crcwatersheds.org/>

Supports, encourages and promotes the enjoyment, restoration, conservation, protection and prudent management of the natural resources of the Chester, Ridley, and Crum Creek Watersheds.

# 2023 Giving Tree and Angel Tree



**Giving Tree** – gift certificates and wrapped toys to families at Chester Eastside, City Team and within the Wallingford Swarthmore School District

**Angel Tree (through Prison Fellowship)** – children of incarcerated parents receive a gift with a note from the parent expressing their love, helping to build a bond and learn about the love God has for them

**Chester Eastside, City Team and WSSD families**  
**\$25 Walmart and Target cards**

## **Toy Suggestions**

Barbies of color and accessories  
(clothes, cars, etc.)

Baby dolls of color and accessories  
(strollers, clothes, bottles, etc.)

Full-size dolls (18")

Racetrack, Matchbox cars  
Remote control cars  
Arts and crafts kits  
Infant/toddler toys  
(6, 12, 18 and 24 months)

**Angel Tree – specific gift suggestions for each child**

**Look for the Giving Trees in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall**

**Tags will be available Sundays**

**November 19, November 26 and December 3**

**Return unwrapped gifts and gift cards before or by December 10**

**Thank you for your continued generosity and support**

Carol Freidinger   Don Killian   Cathy Kilpatrick   Tracy Moran

# Christmas Poinsettias

**A distinctive way** to decorate the sanctuary for the holiday season



In honor or memory of a loved one or as a free will gift

6-inch pots with 6-9 blooms

Color options – red or white

Cost – \$9 per pot

**Place this form in the offering plate, return to the office  
or order through Planning Center**

**Order Deadline – Monday, December 11**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

# of Red Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_ x \$9    # White Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_ x \$9

Free Will Gift \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication: In Honor/In Memory of (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

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Make check payable to Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Memo line – Christmas Poinsettias

**ADVENT OPEN HOUSE** An event for all ages! Start the season, **4:30-6 p.m., Sunday, December 3**, with crafts, carols and a cup of (age-appropriate) cheer.

**\*\*Kids** – make Advent/Christmas decorations, listen to a holiday story and munch on snacks.

**\*\*Adults** – chat with (old and new) friends while enjoying a glass of wine or beer (or non-alcoholic beverage) and hors d'oeuvres, learn how to make Moravian stars and peek periodically the Eagles/49ers game on the large screen TV.

**\*\*Everyone** – end the evening singing holiday songs and carols.

**ADVENT OPEN HOUSE APPS** Have a family favorite appetizer or snack you'd like to share? Bring it for the nosh table.



**ADVENT OPEN HOUSE Crafters** Share you love of crafting with our children. Arrive at 4 p.m. to become acquainted with the craft, then help the kids make it. Scan the QR code to register.

**WHAT IS ANGEL TREE?** It's part of our Giving Tree mission. Angel Tree was started by a formerly incarcerated parent who saw how hard it was for parents like her to reach out to their children from prison to let them know that they were thought about, loved and missed. Prison Fellowship Angel Tree assigned us 10 children in Chester whose parents have asked us to provide a gift in their name. In addition to a gift or gift card, each child receives a note from the parent expressing their love, a Christmas story booklet and the opportunity to receive an age appropriate Bible for the home. It's an opportunity to help build a bond between parent and child and to learn about the love God has for them.

**W.O.W. CHRISTMAS DINNER** Women of Wallingford - join **6 p.m., Wednesday, December 13**, for our annual holiday event. We will provide the main course and beverages – please bring an appetizer, salad, side or dessert.



**ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN** Through the eighth week, we have received 75 pledges totaling \$332,416. Pledges will be received through the end of the year using the pledge card, Church Center app or QR code.

**YOUTH GROUP MINI GOLF/PIZZA/ARCADE** Meet at Putt Putt Family Fun Center (5300 West Baltimore Pike, Clifton Heights), **4:30 p.m., Sunday, November 19**, for mini golf, pizza dinner and arcade time (be sure to bring a coat). Cost – \$15 per student; open to students grades 6-12. (Rain plan – Disney movie and pizza at the church)

**TURKEYS** Have a turkey you won't be cooking? Donate it to the Deacons. Put the bird in the church freezer through **Tuesday, November 21**.

**BREAKFAST CLUB** Students grades 6-12 – take a break from normal worship, **10 a.m., Sunday, November 26**, and share fellowship in the Youth Room. Enjoy breakfast, discussion about the week's "Nooma" video and games.

**PUBLIC HEALTH IN DELAWARE COUNTY – WHO IS OUR NEIGHBOR?** Hear about Delaware County's new Health Department (DCHD), the differences between public health and health care, population health and its effect on our community, **Wednesday, November 29**. The speakers will be Melissa Lyon, MPH, CPH (Director, DCHD) and James E Plummer, DMgt, MBA, MHL (Population Health Administrator). **Potluck supper – 6:30 p.m.; talk – 7:15 p.m.** Sponsored by the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee.



**FALL CLEAN-UP** Help tidy up our grounds, **9 a.m., Saturday, December 2**. The main task will be raking leaves and we welcome all hands. Please bring your own tools.

**CHILD-FRIENDLY COMMUNION SERVICE** The children learned about communion in November at Sprouts – now they are invited to receive it during the **Sunday, December 3** service. Sunday School will open after communion.



**HANDEL'S MESSIAH** Enjoy a performance, **3 p.m., Sunday, December 10**, of Part I and "Hallelujah Chorus" with professional soloists and a choir of local singers. The event is part of Concerts for a Cause and will benefit Chester Eastside.

Like to sing in the choir? Use the QR code for details.



**VOICE LESSONS FOR SENIORS** Learn to read music/practice your skills with Kara Goodrich. Have fun and flex your brain singing new songs and your old favorites. Beginner to experienced welcomed. Scan the QR code more info; email (karaelizabethgoodrich@gmail.com) or call (484-802-6965) her.

**RED WAGON** WPC supports 3 food pantries – Chester Eastside, LifeWerks & Media Food Bank. Chester Eastside is requesting:

- Pancake mix/syrup
- Oatmeal
- Peanut butter
- Canned fruit/applesauce
- Soup (condensed or ready to serve)
- Tuna/salmon/chicken
- Sides (mac and cheese)
- Canned vegetables (corn, green beans, beans)
- Dry Pasta/Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned pasta/chili

**Sunday, November 19**

9:00 am- Bell Choir  
9:30 am- Chancel Choir  
10:00 am- Worship  
11:00 am- Coffee Hour  
11:15 am- Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
1:00 pm- Scouts 228  
4:30 pm- Youth Group Putt Putt

**Monday, November 20**

10:00 am- Staff Meeting  
10:00 am- Adult Bible Class  
7:30 pm- Education Council

**Tuesday, November 21**

4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons  
6:00 pm- BSA Thanksgiving Flowers  
7:30 pm- Deacons

**Wednesday, November 22**

9:00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner  
10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends  
3:00 pm- Private Brass Lessons  
3:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons  
7:00 pm- Valley Voices

**Thursday, November 23**

Thanksgiving - Office Closed

**Friday, November 24**

Thanksgiving - Office Closed

**Saturday, November 25****Sunday, November 26**

9:30 am- Chancel Choir  
10:00 am- Breakfast Club  
10:00 am- Worship  
11:00 am- Coffee Hour  
11:15 am- Christmas Pageant Rehearsal