

By the President of the United States of America: A Proclamation

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor—and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me “to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, Who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be—That we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks—for His kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation—for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of His Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war—for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed—for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted—for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which He hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions—to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually—to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed—to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord—To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us—and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.



THANKSGIVING EVE

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

NOVEMBER 26, 2025

THANKSGIVING EVE

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Your unworthy servants give You humble thanks for all Your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom You have made. We bless You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for Your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of Your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Your service, and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER (1662) USED AT THE FIRST THANKSGIVING

The Christian Greeting

Rev. Kurt Cooper

The Prelude

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
The Handbell Choir
Steve Lee, *Director*

arr. M.L. Thompson

The Chiming of the Hour

† The Call to Worship – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

† The Prayer of Invocation

•† The Hymn No. 333

We Gather Together

KREMSER

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

(elder or pastor?)

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

Testimonies of God's Grace

† The Hymn No. 33 *When All Your Mercies, O My God* ST. PETER

The Thanksgiving Collection

The Thanksgiving Offering is received for the ministry of Friendship Mission, which provides shelter to the homeless and food for the hungry, along with spiritual nourishment for all who enter. Your generous offering will bring encouragement not only to those who live in desperate need but also to those who reach out in the name of Christ.

The Offertory *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
The Handbell Choir

The Scripture Reading – TBD pew Bible, page ???

The Homily **TITLE TBD** Rev. Cooper

The Closing Prayer

† The Hymn No. 61 *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET

† The Benediction of God's Grace

The Postlude *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
Mr. Edward M. Patterson, *Organist-Choirmaster Emeritus*

*Following the Service, please join us
in the Westminster Room
for a light dessert reception.*

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



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