

*The Benediction

The Postlude

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

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The chancel flowers are given by Dara Marner to the glory of God, and in honor of her son, Chuck, on his birthday.

The basket of flowers are given by Ray Wetzel to the glory of God, and in honor of his wife, Peggy, on her very special birthday.

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The Giving Tree is up!! This year Josh Bannon has taken on the Giving Tree as his senior project. You will find tags from Mars Home for Youth, VOICe, Cityview Church, The Pittsburgh Project and local families in need. Please help us make this Christmas a happy one for those in need! When you select a tag, please fill out the orange slip of paper with your name and phone number so that we can keep track of the tags. *All gifts should be returned unwrapped by Sunday, December 10th.* If you have any questions please see Josh Bannon or Dara Marner.

Are you New to CCUPC? Visiting with us for the first time? We are excited you joined us for worship. To connect with us and learn more about our church family, text **WELCOME** to 724-906-4624. You are also encouraged to sign in on the registration pad passed in your pew and provide your contact information.



**Cranberry Community
United Presbyterian Church**

**Thanksgiving Service
November 21, 2017**

**Please stand as you are able.*

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude *“Thanks to God for My Redeemer”*

“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him.” Psalm 37:7

The Call to Worship

*A Hymn *“Come into His Presence”*

*Come into His presence with thanksgiving in your heart
And give Him praise, and give Him praise
Come into His presence with thanksgiving in your heart
Your voices raise, your voices raise
Give glory and honor and power unto Him
Jesus, the name above all names*

REPEAT ENTIRE SONG

The Prayer of Invocation and the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

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A Litany of Thanksgiving

Psalm 147

Leader: Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: Amen.

Leader: Our help is in the name of our God, who made heaven and earth.

People: Amen.

Leader: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving. Make music upon the harp. How good it is to celebrate God's presence and sing praise throughout each day!

People: How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!

Leader: Our God rebuilds the people of earth. The wandering ones are gathered together, the brokenhearted are healed, the hungry are fed, the prisoners are freed, the blind are given sight, the lonely are befriended.

People: How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!

Leader: All of nature sings aloud God's goodness - clouds, rain, grass, creatures great and small. Our God creates and sustains our world with his ever-growing, never-ending love.

People: How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!

*A Hymn #540 *"We Gather Together"*

*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.*

*Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be Thine!*

*We all do extol Thee, our 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!*

Our Invitation to Give

Offertory

"Lord, We are Grateful"

Kris Hattman

*Praising God #556 *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings"*

*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. Amen.*

*The Prayer of Dedication

The Sermon Text

Psalm 100:1-5

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The Message

Pastor James M. Moran

"CHARACTERISTICS OF GRATEFUL PEOPLE"

A Hymn #541 *"Thanks to God for My Redeemer"*

*Thanks to God for my Redeemer,
Thanks for all Thou dost provide!
Thanks for times now but a mem'ry,
Thanks for Jesus by my side!
Thanks for pleasant, balmy springtime,
Thanks for dark and dreary fall!
Thanks for tears by now forgotten,
Thanks for peace within my soul!

Thanks for prayers that Thou hast answered,
Thanks for what Thou dost deny!
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,
Thanks for all Thou dost supply!
Thanks for pain and thanks for pleasure,
Thanks for comfort in despair!
Thanks for grace that none can measure,
Thanks for love beyond compare!

Thanks for roses by the wayside,
Thanks for thorns their stems contain!
Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,
Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain!
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,
Thanks for heav'nly peace with Thee!
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,
Thanks through all eternity!*