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At Thanksgiving we faithfully count our blessings; for most of us, they are numerous. While we are quickly calculating our wealth, we sometimes forget the rest of the equation: Everyone who has been given much will be responsible for much. Much more will be expected from the one who has been given more.

What God asks may be different for each person. For one, it may be donating money to buy gifts for needy children. Another person may be asked to extend open arms and even an open home to someone who has been abandoned. Another might find a calling in tutoring, prison ministries or soup kitchens. The holiday season is filled with opportunities to reach out to those who need a touch of heaven. There are few greater ways to thank God than by reaching out to others in God's name.

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*Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required. – Luke 12:48*

Words of welcome from Parkminster United Church, Waterloo, ON  
Call to Worship by Nancy C. Townley

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**Welcome on this Thanksgiving Sunday, a day in which we give thanks for the bounty and the beauty of the earth, for the love which has made and nurtured us, for the beauty of each other, for the goodness of this life and for the blessings of the Spirit. Welcome to this day in which we say, “Thank You!”**

## Call To Worship

Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.  
***Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.***  
 Praise be to God who provides for us.  
***May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude  
 by the ways in which we live and care for others.***  
 Hallelujah!  
***Amen!***

## Announcements

- The second offering today is our annual Self-Denial Offering for foreign missions.
- **5:30 p.m. each Sunday** - Christmas choir practice
- **November 24** - Thanksgiving
- **November 27** - First Sunday of Advent
- **December 18** - 7:00 p.m. Choral Christmas Service
- ***Thanks** to all who gathered yesterday to pack the shoeboxes, as well as all those who gave money and materials. We thank the Lord for a good number of boxes!*

***STIR** up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. —BCP*

*SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Cobleskill 4:00 p.m. Evening 7:00 p.m. — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 p.m. — FRIDAY: Women's Fellowship 10:30 a.m.*

## Prayer Requests

- **This week we are praying specifically for our sister church in Lake Placid, NY.** Michael Johnson is the pastor.
- **Continue** to pray for:
  - Special requests for those on our hearts, especially Ryan S.; Maree; Christopher; and Geoffrey & Shirley O. and son.
  - **Christians** in danger all over the world.
  - The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
  - **Missionaries:** the Blackcalfs, the Billses, B. Fay, the Davises, the Flings, the Mayles, the Millses, R. Moulton, the D. Shermans, J. Sherman; and the Himelicks and T. Shermans (VICM).
  - Our **young people** – schoolwork, jobs, and life decisions
  - **Bible Colleges** - GBS, PVBI, AWC, UBC, HSBC
  - **Safety and protection** for our Armed Forces.
  - **Our President-elect, Congress, and Supreme Court**, that they may make righteous choices.
- **Pray** for these physical need requests:
  - Patricia Case, Scott Fay, Thelma Heckman, Marie R., Kathy M., Larry Thomas, Tom S., Denise Johnsen (and family), Greg Davis, Stephen Mills (Cincinnati), Mark Vosburgh, Paulette Fay, Robert Owens, Mike F., Duane and Dorothea Maxey.
- **From** Early Woodland:
  - Natasha, Jim, Barb
- *Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.*

Suggested Daily Scripture Reading				
Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
OT	Ezekiel 40:28-41:26	Ezekiel 42:1-43:27	Ezekiel 44:1-45:12	Ezekiel 45:13-46:24
NT	James 4:1-17	James 5:1-20	1 Peter 1:1-12	1 Peter 1:13-2:10
PSA	Psalms 118:19-29	Psalms 119:1-16	Psalms 119:17-32	Psalms 119:33-48
PROV	Proverbs 20	Proverbs 21	Proverbs 22	Proverbs 23
Thursday		Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Ezekiel 47:1-48:35		Daniel 1:1-2:23	Daniel 2:24-3:30	Daniel 4:1-37
1 Peter 2:11-3:7		1 Peter 3:8-4:6	1 Peter 4:7-5:14	2 Peter 1:1-21
Psalms 119:49-64		Psalms 119:65-80	Psalms 119:81-96	Psalms 119:97-112
Proverbs 24		Proverbs 25	Proverbs 26	Proverbs 27

Notes:

Other announcements  
& prayer requests

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