

“The worship most acceptable to God comes from a thankful and cheerful heart.” Let this time of worship be spent in gratitude for God's abundant goodness toward us all. And with cheerful hearts, let us praise the Lord and greet one another. Welcome friends!

## CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Open Thou our lips, O Lord, and purify our hearts,

***CONGREGATION: That we may offer Thee a service worthy of Thy holy Name.***

PASTOR: Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of Your eye;

***CONGREGATION: Hide us under the shadow of Your wings.***

PASTOR: And help us truly to be grateful for all the bounties You have granted us in this life and the life to come.

***ALL: Amen. Thanks be to God.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Christmas Choir Practice this evening.**
- The annual **Self-Denial Offering** for foreign missions will be received in the morning service.
- **Thursday, November 27** - Thanksgiving
- **November 30** - First Sunday in Advent
- **December 9** - 7:00 PM - Student Music Recital
- **Friday, December 12 - 7:30 PM** - Christmas Music by Several Churches
- **December 17** - Caroling
- **December 21 - Morning Service** - Sunday School Christmas Pageant  
7:00 PM - Christmas Musical
- **December 24 - Christmas Eve** - No service
- **December 25 - Christmas** - 7:00 PM - Candlelight Service

*THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Child Shoeboxes. 18 people (plus one baby) gathered Saturday to sort and pack the boxes, and then enjoyed a time of fellowship. After the service we will be taking the boxes to the collection center in Middleburgh.*

*Today is the announced deadline for the Missionary Christmas Fund contributions and the food for Haiti. If you have anything more to contribute after today, see Merylin Ellis.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- This week remember to pray for our sister church in **Lake Placid**. The pastor is William Saxton.
- Pray for Chris & Margo.
- Physical Needs -
  - Let's be faithful to pray for **Alberta Heckman, Ernest and Doris Cook, Louise** (recovery from surgery), **Mary Lum** (pneumonia), **Andrea Musser, David Rison, Glenn Hockmeyer** (cancer), **Brett, Noreen, Roberta Lepera, Bill Snyder, Marie Rooney, Dominique, Pastor Dixon, Howard Mickle** (and Bonita), **Rosemary Snyder, Cathy Posson, Brian Edwards, Roger Ellers, Albert Barr, Mark Vosburgh, Robert Ford, Lillian Jamison, Jean Ford, Bob Zeh, and Kathy Moltzen**.
- Recent requests from our Cobleskill church include **Helen, Caroline, Ralph, Kathleen, Bruce, Judy, Sharon, and Genevieve**.
- Continue to pray for:
  - Our **young people** in college:
    - Lyndsay France
    - Seth and Isaac Owens
    - Keith Posson, who has been recalled to active military duty.
  - The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
  - Our service personnel, especially **Wesley Lum, Jacob Eggleston, Donnie Gray, Anthony & Joyce Willey, and Charles Laraway**.
  - Our country, and our President and government leaders, that they may make Godly choices.
- Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.

### *Suggested Daily Scripture Reading*

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
OT	Ezekiel 45:13-46:24	Ezekiel 47:1-48:35	Daniel 1:1-2:23	Daniel 2:24-3:30
NT	1 Peter 1:13-2:10	1 Peter 2:11-3:7	1 Peter 3:8-4:6	1 Peter 4:7-5:14
PSA	Psalms 119:33-48	Psalms 119:49-64	Psalms 119:65-80	Psalms 119:81-96
PROV	Proverbs 23	Proverbs 24	Proverbs 25	Proverbs 26
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	
	Daniel 4:1-37	Daniel 5:1-31	Daniel 6:1-28	
	II Peter 1:1-21	II Peter 2:1-22	II Peter 3:1-18	
	Psalms 119:97-112	Psalms 119:113-128	Psalms 119:129-152	
	Proverbs 27	Proverbs 28	Proverbs 29	

*SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 AM, Morning Worship 11:00 AM, Cobleskill 4:00 PM, Evening 7:00 PM — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 PM — FRIDAY: Women's Meeting 10:00 AM*

## *Providence and thanksgiving*

We live in a bountiful world, and we take far more from it than we give to it - not only from creation itself, but from generations of the past, the fruits of whose labor we enjoy with almost no awareness of the pains and perils that attended their toil. Lacking such awareness, we become dangerously proud, hard of heart, with a false sense of self-sufficiency and achievement.

Thanksgiving modestly reminds us of how much we owe to forces prior to and outside ourselves; and how much all of us, regardless of station, are in the hands of Providence. Thanksgiving's singular glory is that it is, at once, the most universal, the most religious, and the most democratic of holidays.

-Sydney J. Harris



## *Put a frame around it*

At a men's prayer breakfast, a photographer told how in his mind's eye he tried to put a frame around whatever scene he focused his camera on. That, he said, was the secret of his exceptionally fine pictures.

His pastor said that the photographer had just given him his Thanksgiving sermon. The pastor was thinking about the fact that all too often we see things and yet we don't see them. We don't take the time to see and study the richness and goodness and beauty of God's world all about us. Perhaps, said the pastor, we need to put a frame around the scenes of God's creation that are before us - studying and contemplating them, searching for the evidence of God's love inherent within them. Later the pastor came across these words of Agnes Sligh Trumbull, which he quoted in his sermon:

“There is only one thing about which I shall have no regrets when my life ends. I savored to the full all the small daily joys. The bright sunshine on the breakfast table; the smell of the air at dusk; the sound of the clock ticking; the light rains that start gently after midnight; the hour when the family comes home; Sunday-evening tea before the fire! I have never missed one moment of beauty, not ever taken it for granted. I wish I had failed as little in other ways” (Trumbull, *Leaves of a Diary*)

-J. Ellsworth Kalas