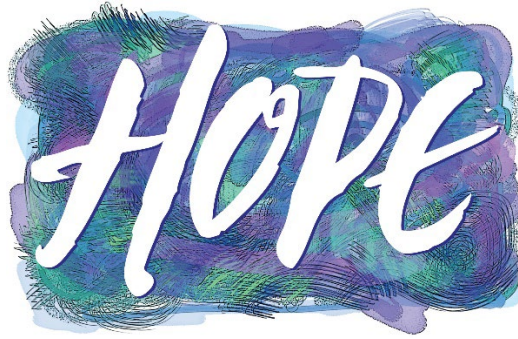




GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Service of Worship November 26, 2025 7pm

Thanksgiving Eve — Hope Stories

PRELUDE

“Voluntary on ‘Kremser’”
Linda Dover, organist

Gordon Young

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us focus on God’s presence.

All: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst ...

One: Let us give thanks for a God who feeds the hungry.

All: In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed ...

One: Let us give thanks for a God who calls for compassion and justice.

All: In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumors of war ...

One: Let us give thanks for a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

All: In the midst of a world filled with harsh words and deep division ...

One: Let us give thanks for a God of reconciliation.

All: In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness ...

One: Let us give thanks for a God who gives life meaning.

All: Come, let us worship and give thanks to the Lord, whose grace and love know no end!

Adapted from September 11 Remembrance Liturgical Resources, at PCUSA.org website.

*HYMN 336, v. 1 & 2

“We Gather Together”

KREMSER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 107:1–9

Meredith Watson

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS		Kathy Bures
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Acts 2:43–47	Meredith Watson
HOPE STORY	Kim Krueger (read by Kelly Scarborough)	
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Matthew 13:1–8	Keith Langabee
HOPE STORY		Cindy Schendel
HYMN 840, v. 1	“When Peace Like a River”	VILLE DU HAVRE
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Psalm 28:6–7	Keith Langabee
HOPE STORY		Harold Frye
*HYMN 641, v. 1, 4, 5	“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”	ENGELBERG
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Philippians 4:4–7	Jo Randolph
HOPE STORY		Rick Randolph
HYMN 653, v. 1	“Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries”	MORNING SONG
SCRIPTURE LESSON	1 John 3:16–18	Jo Randolph
HOPE STORY		Kathy Bures
*HYMN 644, v. 1 & 4	“Give Thanks, O Christian People”	ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDÖGELEIN
OFFERING & GIFTS OF MUSIC	“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”	Linda Dover, organist arr. Arthur Wildman
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		Kathy Bures

Leader: O God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord God, we know that you are the author of every good and perfect thing. We rejoice in the perfection of your created order. We stand like Job in awe of the power you have placed in nature.

People: We praise you for the goodness of your creation.

Leader: God, even in the fury of storms, we give you thanks that you are steadfast in your love and constant in your faithfulness, that we might approach you as our strength and refuge.

People: We give you thanks for your steadfast love, and pray for your presence among those who suffer.

Leader: Lord of all life, and sustainer of all hope, we ask your special concern for those who are survivors of all disasters this day. We pray especially for those facing loss as the rivers crest near their homes, and those who have already suffered loss through fire and storms.

People: May they know the power of your healing love.

Leader: God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty.

People: Through your Holy Spirit, may we know that you work together in all things for good. We believe that through you, love may overcome hatred, joy may overcome sorrow, and good may overcome evil.

Leader: Help us to see your unseen hand in the unfolding of all our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people.

People: Give us eyes, ears, and hearts that can see your work in the world.

Leader: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us entrust ourselves, and one another, amid all of life to God.

People: We rejoice that in life and in death we belong to you.

Leader: Mighty God, whose Word we trust, whose Spirit enables us to pray: Accept our requests and further those which will bring about your purpose for the earth.

All: Amen.

Adapted from Litany for God's People in Times of Distress, PCUSA.org

*HYMN 643

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God" (*reprise*)

Paul Manz

Linda Dover, organist

**Stand in body or spirit*

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

**If convenient/able, please stand.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME to this Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service. It is good to share worship with one another and to share stories of hope!

TONIGHT'S OFFERING is designated for the Pastor Discretionary Fund. This fund allows for emergency assistance and other unexpected needs throughout the year. Thank you for your generosity.

THE CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED Thursday and Friday of this week.

ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, we begin our observance of ADVENT, the time of preparing for Christ's coming.



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