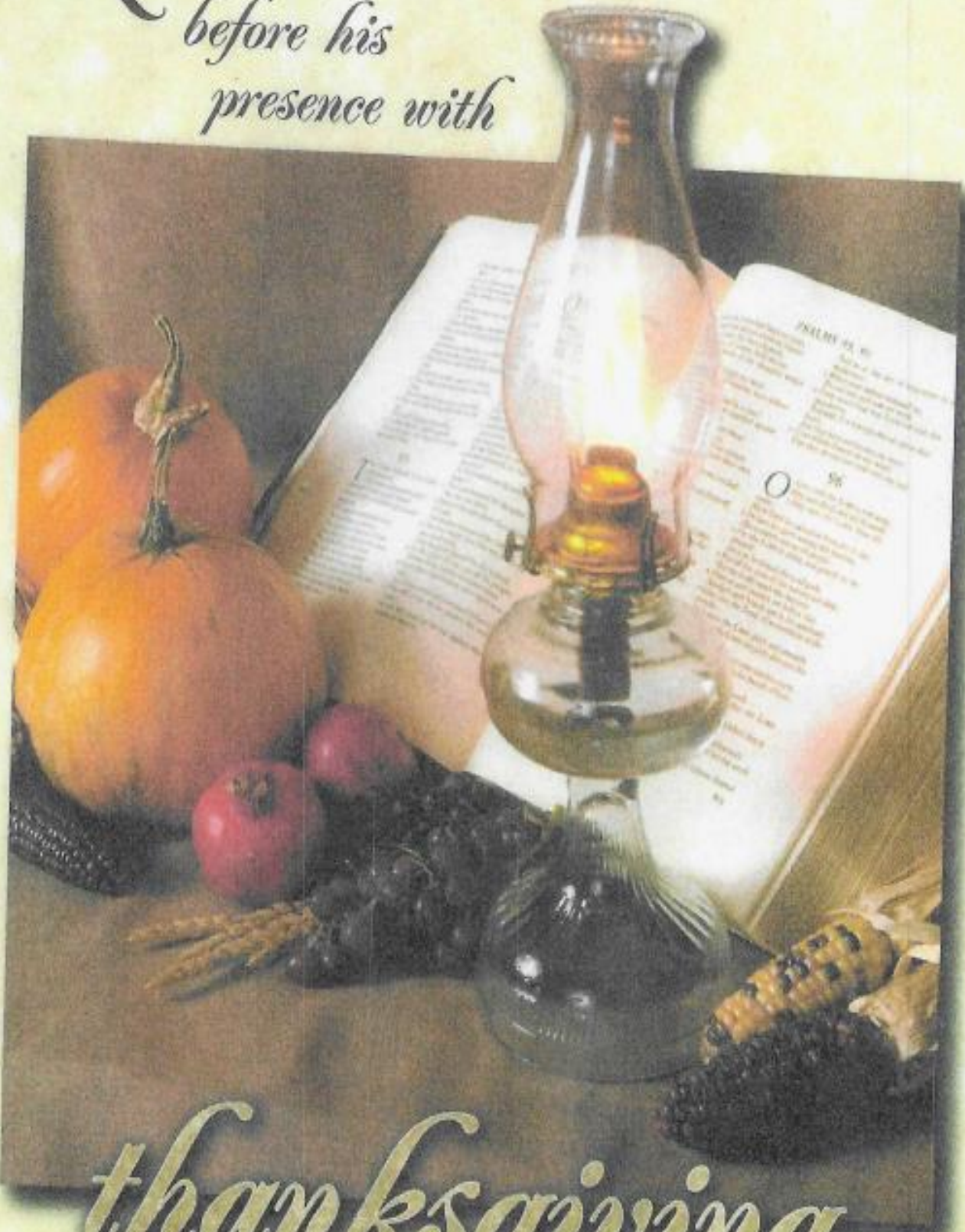


Fairview United Methodist Church  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 19, 2023

*Let us come  
before his  
presence with*



*thanksgiving*

# FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

November 19, 2023

11:00 A.M.

\*Please rise as you are able or in your hearts.

\*\*Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for  
worship.

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## **\*\*PRELUDE**

“Faith of Our Fathers“

arr. Sandra Eithun  
Chancel Bells

## **WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The time for harvest is close at hand. What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

**People: We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.**

Leader: Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

**People: We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.**

Leader: Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

**People: Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude.**

**ALL: AMEN.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” UMH # 694

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** “*The Apostles Creed*” UMH # 881

**\*GLORIA PATRI** “Glory Be to the Father” UMH # 70

**CHOIR ANTHEM** “Let Us Joyfully Praise Our God” Allen Pote  
Chancel Choir

## **\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**PRAYER CHORUS**

“Sanctuary”

TFWS # 2164

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We are "pack rats", O Lord. You continually pour gifts and blessings into our lives and we hide them away for fear that they might disappear or not be worthy of acclaim. We squander them wastefully on things that are not healthy or helpful to others. We confess that we have not always recognized the talents we have been given. We find it easier to belittle the gifts than to honor the giver. As Jesus reminded his listeners to honor the giver of the gifts by using them to create something better, for healing, for hope in the world; remind us that the message of Jesus is truly pertinent to us today. Forgive us when we have treated it as a nice story. Help us to take the gifts you have given us, to develop them, and use them in ways which will offer healing and hope. In Jesus' blessed Name, we pray. AMEN.**

## **PRAYERS OF PETITION**

After each petition, we enter into the prayer together with these words:

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our Prayer.**

## **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.

## **\*HYMN OF PROCLAMATION**

“Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart” TFWS # 2036

## **\*GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 25:14-30

**SERMON**

*Trusting God With Our Talent*

**OFFERTORY**

“We Gather Together”

Edward Kremser

**\*DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH # 94

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

UMH # 664

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him”

Richard Blake

## **ACTIVITIES - NOV. 20 - NOV. 26**

### **Monday, November 20**

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

### **Wednesday, November 22**

Pantry 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

### **Thursday, November 23**

Thanksgiving Day

### **Friday, November 24**

Thanksgiving Holiday  
Office and Pantry Closed

### **Sunday, November 26**

Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

#### **Pastor**

Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

#### **Administrative Assistant**

Carol McDougle

#### **Director of Music**

Carol Chatfield

#### **Church Musician**

Michele Delduca

#### **Treasurer**

Fred Poland

#### **Pantry Resource Coordinator**

Donna McCoy

#### **Audio Visual Technician**

Roger Christian

#### **Toddler Room Attendant**

Oscar Ndayisaba

#### **Building Maintenance**

Nelson Clair

## **TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS**

### **Worship Leader**

Ed Rapp

### **Greeters**

Richard & Shirley McBride

### **Trustee**

Fred Poland

### **Toddler Room Assistant**

Debbie Arnold

## **VAN DRIVER FOR NOVEMBER 26**

### **Van Request: Greg-- 937- 620-1472**

To ride the van, you must make your request the day before or you will not be picked up!

## **LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalms 100

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

Prayer ministry after worship each Sunday.

For those who have special prayer requests, please see someone from the Prayer Ministry in the Narthex.

