

Grace Devotion

Week of November 23, 2025

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:4-9 NRSVUE)

Greetings of thanksgiving!

This week, we rejoice in the Lord, always. As we move closer to Thanksgiving, we can take time to reflect on all of our blessings we hold dearly in our lives. I am thankful for each of you! Let us celebrate in all that God is doing in our lives, in our church, and in the world around us—seeing grace in both the big and small moments. As we continue to incorporate movement and community in our worship, I offer you these two activities for the week. I hope you enjoy these activities and feel free to find a friend to join you. “*For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.*” (Matthew 18:20 NRSVUE)

Prayer: God of joy and peace, We come to You today and every day with grateful hearts. Help us notice Your presence in the small moments in our lives. May each experience we share, bring us closer to You. Fill us with Your Spirit as we offer our prayers, our thanks, and our open hearts. May we share Your grace with everyone we meet, bringing each person and ourselves, closer to You. Amen

With Grace and Love,

Pastor Amy

STATION #10

Walking Prayer

Follow the path and think about each of the touchstones.

- What is one gift from God you often take for granted?
- Take a deep breath and feel God's peace with you.
- How can you be a source of God's light to others?
- Think about one blessing in your life today.
- Offer a prayer for someone who is struggling.
- Name a Scripture or phrase that gives you courage.
- Breathing Prayer

STATION #11

Give Your Worries to God

There are times when our worries are just too great for us to hold. Give them to God!

- Write on the piece of paper a worry you are holding onto in your life
- Take that paper and say a prayer asking God to hold your burden or worry.
- Place your worry paper in the bowl of water.
- Swirl the paper around as your worries are given to God.

Breathing Prayer

Inhale slowly through your nose, thinking: *"God's love fills me."*

Exhale gently through your mouth, saying: *"I release my worries."*

Inhale again, imagining gratitude for blessings big and small: *"Thank you, God, for this gift."*

Exhale, letting go of tension: *"Peace be with me."*

November 23, 2025

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome/Announcements

Westminster Chimes and Prelude

**+“This Is Amazing Grace” #21

** Call to Worship

Lector: Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say, rejoice!

Congregation: We will rejoice, and lift our hearts in gratitude and praise.

Lector: Let your kindness flow from you to all you meet.

Congregation: We gather full of peace and hope.

Lector: Bring your worries, your joys, your prayers, and your thanks to God.

Congregation: Let us celebrate God’s presence and share the joy and peace we have received.

** Opening Prayer: (pray silently or aloud)

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Prayer of Confession/Silent Reflection/Assurance of Grace

** Sharing the Peace of Christ

**° Hymn: “Come Ye Thankful People, Come” #559

Joys and Concerns
Praying for Others
Lord’s Prayer

° Hymn: “For The Beauty of the Earth” #560

Celebration of Our Gifts

** Offertory Response: “We Give Thee But Thine Own”
#620 (v1)

** Prayer of Dedication

Grace Choir (and Guests) “Faith to Face”

Scripture Readings:

Psalms 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Time for the Young at Heart

Message: “Rejoice in Every Season”

~One or two stations

**+“Same Power”

#3

** Final Blessing

** “A Choral Benediction”

Postlude

** Please stand, if you are able.

+ Black contemporary folder

° Blue hymnal

Announcements

We give thanks to everyone who helped with the contributions to our Fruit Cocktail drive. We exceeded our goal and are able to help over 800 families in the Hanover area enjoy a Thanksgiving meal this holiday!

Upcoming Events

- Women's Ministries in Person, is cancelled on November 26th
- Joint Thanksgiving Service at Grace UCC on Nov. 26th at 7pm.
- Fifth Sundays are Special on Nov. 30th—Potluck before worship at 9am.
- Second Saturday Shares: Caroling & Cookies 1pm on Dec 13th
- The church will be open on Wednesdays from 11am-12pm if you would like to stop by for a quiet opportunity for prayer or stillness in the sanctuary. Pastor Amy will be available for a word of prayer or just someone to sit with in the silence.

Upcoming Meetings

- Worship & Music, November 24th @ 4:45 PM
- Faith Formation, November 24th @ 6:00 PM

Special Thanks to our Choir Guests today

Lana Dyer, Ashley Gage, Ian Hollingshead, Ayan Provonost,
Derek Reed & Kaleb Smith



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Thank you for today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor - Amy Fawks

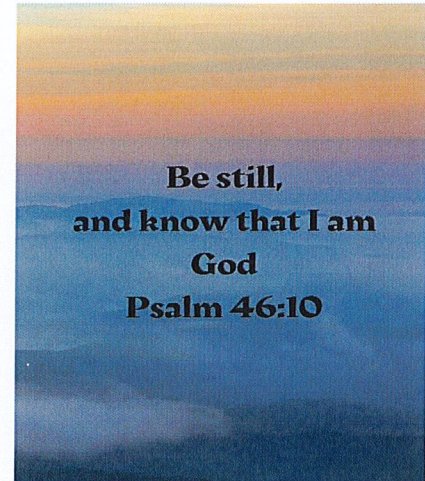
Lector - Leonard Bankert

Organist and Music Director - Christian Keller

Head Usher – Susan Dienes & Joleen Fennell

Psalm 46

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- God is our _____ and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be _____ into the midst of the sea;
- Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake _____ the swelling thereof. Selah.
- There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the _____ of the most High.
- God is in the _____ of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.
- The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he _____ his voice, the earth melted.
- The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of _____ is our refuge. Selah.
- Come, _____ the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.
- He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he _____ the chariot in the fire.
- Be still, and know that I am God: I _____ be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.
- The LORD of _____ is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

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| • WITH | • BURNETH |
| • TABERNACLES | • WILL |
| • MIDST | • HOSTS |
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THANKSGIVING

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Words are forward, backward, diagonal, and up and down.

BLESSED
BREAD
CORN
GATHERING
GRATEFUL

LEAVES
MAYFLOWER
PARADE
PILGRIM
PUMPKIN

SCARECROW
STUFFING
THANKFUL
TURKEY
YAMS





THANKSGIVING

B	M	N	T	P	G	X	Z	J	U	J	W
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BLESSED

BREAD

CORN

EAT

FALL

FAMILY

FOOD

GOBBLE

PIE

PUMPKIN

TURKEY

YAMS

