

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE
November 23, 2022 7:30 P.M.
Pastor Gary Mulder

Organ: Joyce Post
Keyboard: Karen Knutson

PRELUDE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
CALL TO WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

HYMN: 588 – *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

* HYMN: 597 – *We Gather Together*

* OPENING PRAYER

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

PRAISE MINISTRY: *He Will Hold Me Fast* – Beth Vander Wal

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY and OFFERING for the Food Pantry in Brookings

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

* HYMN: 592 – *Now Thank We All Our God*

SCRIPTURE: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 p. 1841

MESSAGE: *Giving Thanks in All Circumstances*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN: 596 – *Count Your Blessings*

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING HYMN: 594 – *We are So Blessed* (both verses)

You are invited to stay for pie and fellowship following the service.

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Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

God's love is everlasting.

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

For the good world;
for things great and small, beautiful and awesome;
for seen and unseen splendors;

Thank you, God.

For human life;
for talking and moving and thinking together;
for common hopes and hardships shared
from birth until our dying;

Thank you, God.

For work to do and strength to work;
for our coworkers in labor;
for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;

Thank you, God.

For marriage;
for the mystery and joy of flesh made one;
for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared;
for promises kept in love;

Thank you, God.

For family;
for living together and eating together;
for family amusements and family pleasures;

Thank you, God.

For children;
for their energy and curiosity;
for their brave play and startling frankness;
for the potential held in each one;

Thank you, God.

For the young;
for their high hopes;
for their search for freedom and understanding;
for their quest for truth;

Thank you, God.

For growing up and growing old;
for wisdom deepened by experience;
for rest in leisure;
and for time made precious by its passing;

Thank you, God.

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow;
for healing our diseases;
for preserving us in temptation and danger;

Thank you, God.

For the church into which we have been called;
for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament;
for our life together in the Lord;

We praise you, God.

For your Holy Spirit;
who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love;
who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship;

We praise you, God.

Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ;
who lived and died and lives again for our salvation;
for our hope in him;
and for the joy of serving him;

**We thank and praise you, Eternal God,
for all your goodness to us.**

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

God's love is everlasting.

POINSETTIAS: Would you consider donating a poinsettia to grace the sanctuary this year? If so, please have them to the church by Saturday morning or Sunday morning. Thank you in advance!

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR FUNDRAISER: Fifty calendars were purchased/sold and we ran out! We plan to order more, so if you are interested in purchasing a calendar(s), there is a sign-up sheet posted by the bulletin board. Please sign up by Sunday, December 4.