

November 23, 2025

10:00 A.M.

## Order for Our Worship of God

(\*those who are able are invited to stand)

WELCOME

PRELUDE            “When Morning Gilds the Skies”        arr. Collinsworth

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who seek the face of Christ.

**We come to behold his glory and grace.**

In Christ, we see the image of the invisible God—

**The One who rescues, creates, reigns, and makes peace.**

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

**Christ is our center, our hope, and our peace.**

Let us lift our hearts in praise to the One who is worthy of all honor.

**We worship Jesus Christ—our Rescuer, Creator, Lord, and**

**Peacemaker! Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious and mighty God, we gather in awe before You, the One who has revealed Yourself fully in Jesus Christ. Through Him, You have rescued us from darkness and brought us into the kingdom of light. Through Him, all things were created and hold together. Through Him, we find peace, forgiveness, and hope. As we worship today, open our eyes to see Christ clearly— not only as words on a page or images in our minds, but as the living Lord who reigns among us. Renew our hearts with gratitude for all He has done, and shape us to reflect His love and glory in the world. In the name of Jesus, our Rescuer, Creator, Lord, and Peacemaker, we pray. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN            “Christ, Who Glory Fills the Skies”        No. 173

PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING            Colossians 1:11–20

CHORAL ANTHEM            “Song of Thanks”            Nagy

SERMON            “The Portrait Gallery”            Rev. JongIn Lee

\*HYMN OF REFLECTION        “His Name Is Wonderful”            No. 174

PRAYER TIME

THE GIVING OF OUR OFFERING

Offering Song        “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”        arr. Raney

\*Presentation        “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”        No. 95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Lord Jesus Christ, You are the image of the invisible God—our Rescuer, our Creator, our Lord, and our Peacemaker. All things were made through You, and all we have comes as a gift from Your hand. As we bring our offerings today, we return to You what is already Yours. Use these gifts to shine Your light in places of darkness, to bring hope where there is despair, and to build peace where there is division. May our giving be a reflection of Your generous love, and may our lives become living portraits of Your grace in the world. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN        “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” (vs. 1, 3, 5)        No. 160

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE            “He Is Exalted”            arr. Hayes

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**WE WELCOME ALL** to this service of worship including newcomers and visitors among us.

**PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE** ~ Participating this morning are Rev. JongIn Lee, Pastor; Dr. Russell Wagoner, Director of Music/Organist; and Diane Ribustello, Liturgist. We appreciate them sharing their gifts with us as we gather to worship and praise God today!

**FLOWERS** on the altar this morning are given by Elaine Watson in honor and in celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday.

**JOIN OUR #GIVEHEALTHY FOOD DRIVE** ~ We have launched a virtual food drive this week to support CUMAC during this very difficult time. We hope you will join us in making this food drive a big success by making a food donation. *It's as easy as 1-2-3!* **1.** Scan the QR code below to access the #GiveHealthy Food Drive webpage. **2.** Pick out and purchase the food you would like to donate. **3.** You're done! The food will be delivered to CUMAC when the food drive is over. Please pass the QR code to friends and family!



**STOP & SHOP BLOOMIN' 4 GOOD PROGRAM** ~ For the month of November, Stop & Shop (only at 816 Franklin Avenue, Franklin Lakes) will contribute \$1.00 to FLUMC for every \$11.99 bouquet purchased marked "*Bloomin' 4 Good*" in the sleeve. The money contributed to FLUMC will benefit our community garden which helps CUMAC and other local food pantries fight hunger. Please note that this program only applies to the bouquets marked "*Bloomin' 4 Good*." The more bouquets sold, means the more our Community Garden will benefit from this program. Thank you for your support!

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY** ~ In *Voices of Advent*, Matthew L. Skinner leads readers through biblical texts and explores how they shape our lives and Christmas celebrations. All are welcome. Meets for three weeks on Wednesdays at 1pm (12/3, 12/10, 12/17).

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**PASTOR:** *Rev. JongIn Lee*

**LAY LEADER:** *Dave Murray*

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST:** *Dr. Russell Wagoner*

**CHURCH SECRETARY:** *Donna E. Mulder* / **SEXTON:** *Bonnie Mann*

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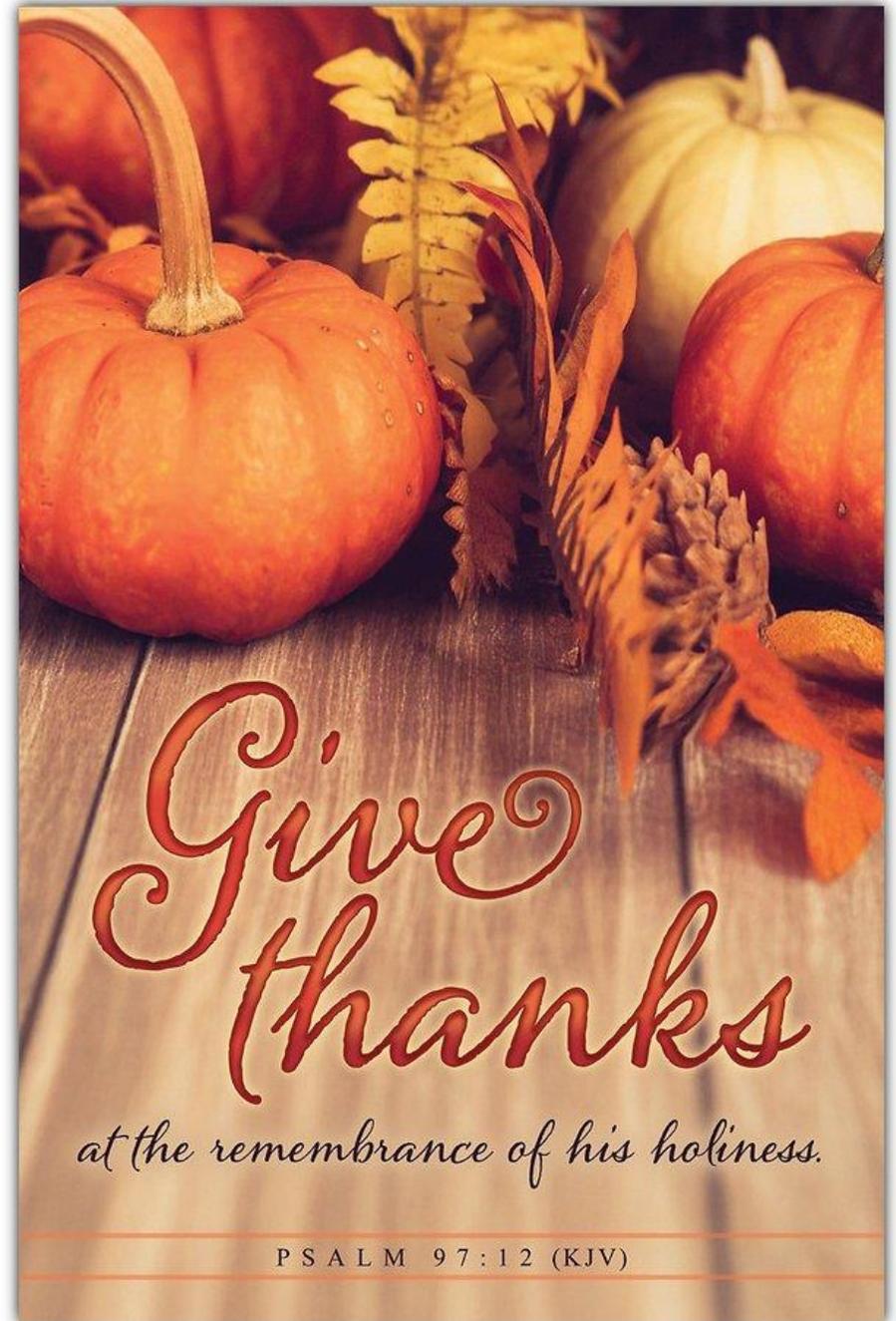
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