

Longswamp United Church of Christ

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Thanksgiving Service

**Indicates to rise as you are able in body and spirit.*

MUSIC PREPARES US FOR WORSHIP

"Jesus, Our Divine Companion"

Hebble

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Beethoven, Arr. Tyndall

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Elvey, Al Terego

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Shouts of joy! Songs of praise! Sounds of hope and love!

People: These are moments of thanksgiving – thanks giving to our God!

Leader: Enter God's house full of gratitude. Enter God's house full of praise!

People: These are moments of thanksgiving – thanks giving to our God!

Leader: God, our creator. We come to this place, led by your love.

People: These are moments of thanksgiving – thanks giving to our God!

Leader: Bless this time of worship, and what we offer in Christ's name.

People: These are moments of thanksgiving – thanks giving to our God!

***HYMN**

We Gather Together

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CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

All: Gracious Creator, you have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted, or as something to which we are entitled. You call us to live in a caring community, but too often we place our wants and needs first, with those of others a distant second. You call us to share Your gifts with the world around

us, but we are worried that there may not be enough, and our worries get in the way of our sharing. For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts, for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God is gracious in forgiveness and calls us to new patterns and new life.

People: We are forgiven people. Thanks be to God! Amen.

LOFT CHOIR ANTHEM

"Give Thanks"

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***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children are welcome to come forward for the Children's Message and then they can follow our Sunday School teachers to Children's Church located in the Education Building. Children's Church includes bible stories, crafts, games and more. Sunday School is for kids of all ages, but we welcome families to stay together in worship if that is what you prefer.

***HYMN**

Now Thank We All Our God

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RESPONSIVE READING BASED ON PSALM 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness.

Leader: Come before God with joyful songs.

People: It is God who made us, and we are his.

Leader: We are God's people, the sheep of his pasture.

People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and enter his courts with praise.

Leader: Give thanks to him and praise his name.

People: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever.

Leader: God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

People: We respond with thanksgiving! Alleluia, Amen!

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12:38-44

SERMON

"All She Had to Live On"

Pastor Kim

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING & MISSION MOMENT

*DOXOLOGY

#809

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above, you heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

*OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Merciful God, receive our humble offerings as a testimony to your provision and a demonstration of our love. May they be magnified and multiplied for the benefit of our community and all creation. May our generosity reflect our gratitude and thanksgiving for God's holy love and this house of worship and welcome. Amen.

*HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

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BENEDICTION

***Please stay after worship for a brief Congregational Budget meeting.*

Call to Worship adapted by prayers by Richard Bott. Confession written by Rev. Gord Waldie.

Advent Calendars are available beginning this week. Each family (whether you have children at home or not) is welcome to take one home to help focus on the scriptures this time of year. Additionally, Pastor Kim contributed to an **Advent Devotional** that will be available on our website. If you are interested in a print copy, please contact the church office.



*Enter God's gates
with thanksgiving...*

Psalm 100:4a

WELCOME TO LONGSWAMP UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

This is our Weekly Beacon- November 24th-30th, 2024

Altar flowers and bulletins are given to the Glory of God and are in honor of grandkids by Lynn Shoemaker.

Thank you for worshipping with us on this Thanksgiving Sunday. Thank you to the Loft Choir for singing for us. Next Sunday, December 1st, at 10:15 am, we will usher in the Advent Season with a Hanging of the Greens service. Join us for a festive, family time of worship where we will decorate the sanctuary and enjoy special holiday music from Glenn Fisher on flute.

Don't forget to stay after worship today for a brief congregational budget meeting!

Sharing Our Faith

Christmas presents for LUCC's Senior Saints - Please sign the Christmas card, which will be included in our Senior Saints' presents from our congregation. The Christmas presents for our Senior Saints will be ready for distribution as of next Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024.

Boy Scout Troop #575 is looking for donations to sponsor wreaths for Veterans buried in the Longswamp Union Cemetery. Just \$5 sponsors one wreath for a Veteran and you can donate a wreath in general or for a specific Veteran. Please fill out the form insert in your bulletin and make check payable to Troop #575. Wreaths will be placed on the graves on December 1st.

Teaching What We Believe

Children's Church continues every Sunday during worship. After the children's message, kids will follow the Children's Church leaders to the preschool room for their lesson for the day. If you're interested in teaching Children's Church, please let Pastor Kim know! There will be no children's church December 1st for the hanging of the greens, December 15th for the Christmas play, or December 29th.

Calling all young children (age 0 - elementary school age)! Make plans to attend LUCC's **Birthday Party for Jesus in Fegely Hall** during Children's Church on **Sunday, December 22.** Come and join the fun as we hear the story of the first Christmas, play games, make a craft, sing songs, and have snacks. We will proceed to Fegely Hall as a group after the announcements at the beginning of the service. If you have any questions about our **Birthday Party for Jesus**, please contact Jill or Vern Shade. Come and join the fun as we celebrate the birth of Jesus!

The second Christmas Craft & Camaraderie night is on Wednesday, Dec 4th at 6:30pm. Crafts to be announced. Join us for fun, fellowship, and snacks in Fegely Hall!

Acting on Jesus' Teachings

November 2024 Local Mission- Christmas Cheer Program at Friend, Inc. Community Services and Operation Santa at Phoebe Home in Allentown -

1) **Christmas Cheer Program sponsored by Friend, Inc., Christmas presents for 15 local children-** If you volunteered to provide clothing (a shirt and pants) for a disadvantaged child, please **do not** wrap the gifts for the children. Please put everything in a bag with the angel tag attached to the bag and include a new roll of Christmas wrapping paper (optional items- 1 or 2 boxes, tissue paper, tape, and a bow for each box). Please return the Christmas presents for the 15 local children **no later than Sunday, December 1st.**

2) **Christmas presents for 20 residents of Phoebe Home in Allentown** - All presents for the Phoebe Home residents should be put in **Christmas gift bags.** Please attach the angel tag to the gift bag. The Christmas presents for Phoebe Home residents are due **no later than Sunday, December 1, 2024.** Please contact Jill Shade (484-894-0636; jill.shade@longswampucc.org) if you have any questions and/or concerns about providing a Christmas present for a local disadvantaged child or a resident at Phoebe Home in Allentown.

Support

We are placing a final brick order of the year for our **275th Anniversary Brick Walkway!** If you would like to order a brick please contact Maggie in the church office. We plan to install all new bricks in the Spring of 2025.

Poinsettia orders are live! If you're interested in sponsoring a poinsettia, please fill out the order form in your bulletin and return it to the office. We are getting poinsettia plants from Glick's Greenhouse in Oley this year and will need orders back by Wednesday, December 4th. We have the same three options of red, white, and pink marble that we've had in the past. Thank you!

Longswamp UCC Business

Hard copies of our newsletter can be found on the left side table in the narthex by the front door when leaving the sanctuary. Online copies are available on our website or, if you'd like to join the email list, just email the church office.