

Our Offering of Worship

The Wakefield Baptist Church

Thanksgiving Sunday November 23, 2025

We Gather in Gratitude

Prelude

Julie Wardwell

Greetings

Chris Wright

The Sanctuary Candles are lit

The Call to Worship *adapted from Psalm 107:1-8*

(Please add your voices where the bold type appears)

O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good!

His steadfast love endures forever!

He gathers his children from east and west,
north and south.

**He gathers the hungry and thirsty
and strengthens those who faint.**

He delivers us in times of trouble
and cares for us when we are weak.

Let us thank the Lord for his steadfast love!

Let us praise him for his wondrous works.

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***A Hymn of In-gathering #372** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

***Prayers of Approach**

Clay Berry

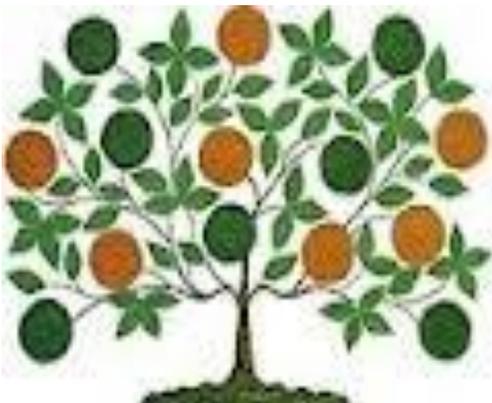
The Invocation & Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Gloria Patri: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Word of the Lord



The Old Testament *Deuteronomy 26:1-11* (p. 143)

The Gospel *John 15:1-11* (p. 878)

After each reading:

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Anthem *A Mountain of Harvest*

The Good News of the Gospel

Our Gifts of Praise

***A Hymn of Thanks-giving #667** *As Saints of Old Their First Fruits Brought*

The Prayers of All God's People

After each person prays, we all respond: "O Lord, hear our prayer."

A Song of Gratitude (#376, verses 1-2)

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For His gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.

In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

We Present to God our Gifts of Love

Offertory *Count Your Blessings* Sue Vasques, piano

Worshipers are invited to bring their offerings to the front.

Our Prayer of Grateful Praise (attached)



We go to love and serve the Lord

***The Blessing & Recessional** (#376, verse 3)

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

***The Postlude**

***Please stand if you are comfortably able to do so**

*We invite you to join us for refreshments
in our fellowship hall following our service.*

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come: Henry Alford, 1844 / George J. Elvey, 1858.

A Mountain of Harvest: John S. B. Monsell / Patti Drennan; 2016 Lorenz Publ.

As Saints of Old Their First Fruits Brought: Frank von Christierson / traditional English melody; 1989 The Hymn Society.

For the Fruit of All Creation: Fred Pratt Green / traditional Welsh melody; 1970 Hope Publ.

Count Your Blessings: E. O Excell, 1962 Lorenz Publ.

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Our Prayer of Grateful Praise



O Gracious Creator,
whose sun bears its light, whose clouds bring the rain
and whose fields and forests yield their bounty...

**We thank you, Lord, and rejoice
in the many expressions of your love!**

For our families and friends, for this fellowship of faith,
and for those loved ones residing in Heaven
yet still gathered in our hearts...

We bless your holy name!

For sustaining our faith, for healing our hope,
and renewing our souls in seasons of distress, want, and fear...

We offer our hearts in praise!

For replenishing the cornucopia of Christ's church
with the fruits of your Spirit and the gifts of your grace...

We delight in your Presence among us!

For opening our hearts to those in need,
for inspiring the compassion of this congregation
to pray and to love in tangible, healing ways...

We praise you for your guidance and care.

For these gifts of money, food, and effort we now place into your service,
for pledges made to the further your mission through this congregation...

**We, your grateful children, praise you
as we offer our hearts in gratitude
and sing to the glory of your holy name!**

*A song of rejoicing (The Doxology)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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