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AT HOPEWELL ...

Coffee & Conversation Every Sunday 10:30 AM
Sunday School Every 3rd Sunday/Month 10:15 AM
Advent Bible Study Dec 1,8,15,22
Hanging of the Greens; Thanksgiving Meal following, Today
(Meals to shut-ins at 1 PM)
Next Sunday, Communion and 1st Sunday of Advent
Angel Tree Collections; Pack Dec 8; Deliver Dec 16
Living Nativity 3 & 4 PM ... Dec 15
****2025 NEW WORSHIP TIME ... 8:15 AM**

AT ADAMS ...

Coffee Hour 9 AM after service
Hanging of the Green, after the service Today
Community Thanksgiving Joint Service @ American Lutheran Church
6:30 PM ... Nov 27
Advent Film Series "The Christian Experience" Nov 17-Dec 22
Hanging of the Greens before & after service Nov 24, Dec 1,8,15,22
Women of Faith Noon ... Dec 4
Youth Christmas Program Dec 22
****Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent.**
****2025 NEW WORSHIP TIME ... 9:30 AM**
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Thought For The Week ...

*"Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse."
... Henry Van Dyke*

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Offerings Last Week

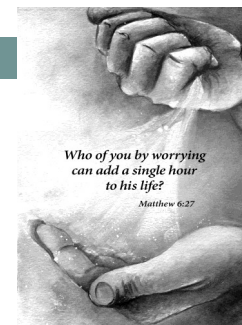
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Attendance Last Sunday

- 30

November 24, 2024

Thanksgiving Sunday



TODAY'S THEME: "Do Not Worry, Be Thankful"

"The clock is running. Make the most of today. Time waits for no man. Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why it is called the present." – Alice Morse Earle, 1902

I like Thanksgiving for the lessons it has for us, the focus on gratitude and the focus on the present.

Think about everything you are grateful for in your life, in the world. If you have trouble filling a minute with this, it's okay to repeat things more than once. Notice how you are feeling.

I'd be willing to bet that focusing on gratitude made you feel better than paying attention to all the scary things in life.

Anxiety likes to root around in the past too, looking at all the things you may have said or done that could cause problems, make people upset, or lead to your rejection. Anxiety will remind you of that time you overcooked the turkey or made a joke that no one thought was funny (or worse!).

Looking at the past through a lens of gratitude rather than catastrophe can influence both your feelings and actions. You might be more likely to host a family get together if you focus on the *gathering* rather than needing to have a clean house, delicious meal or guests that always get along. You might be more likely to accept an invitation if you focus on the connection, you do have instead of all the things that may be missing. Holidays can be a painful time of year – especially for people who are lonely or grieving – and anxiety doesn't help.

Anxiety can be the default setting for our attention. Practicing gratitude is a skill that can be developed, we can learn to direct our attention away from threat and toward the things that matter to us, the things for which we are truly grateful.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving week.

~Author: Dr. Melanie Badali, R.Psych~

TECUMSEH INFORMATION

Worship ... 9:30 AM

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+Indicates Stand If you are able
RH-Red Hymnal

TFWS-The Faith We Sing

PRELUDE Cinda Goodrich
(Please take some time to focus your heart and mind on the
upcoming worship service as we bring the
Light of Christ.)

GREETINGS & WELCOME Nancy Tilton
God is good ... **All the time.**
All the time ... **God is good.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

+INTROIT (TFWS) *Lord, I Lift Your Name On High (2x)* #2088

+CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

People: Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.

Leader: Praise be to God who provides for us.

People: May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude by the ways in which we live and care for others.

Leader: Hallelujah!

People: AMEN.

+OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Lord of bounty and blessing, we come to you this day in gratitude for all that we have been given. We are grateful for the blessings and for the opportunities to be of service to others in your holy Name. Bless each of us here, that we may become truly blessings to others. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

+HYMN OF PRAISE (RH) *Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Vs 1,3)* #140

PSALTER (RH) Psalm 126 (R1) #847

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF RESPONSE (TFWS) *Thank You, Jesus* #2081

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

+SCRIPTURE

Joel 2:21-27
+Matthew 6:25-33

The Word of the Lord for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN (TFWS) *The Summons (Vs 1,3,5)* #2130

MESSAGE "Do Not Worry, Be Thankful" Pastor Makena

OFFERING OURSELVES AND GIFTS TO GOD

+DOXOLOGY #95

+DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

+BENEDICTION

+GOING FORTH (RH) *Sent Forth By God's Blessings* #664

+POSTLUDE Cinda Goodrich

ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR CHURCHES

AT TECUMSEH ...

Coffee Hour Fellowship each Sunday	10:30 AM
Prayer Hour each Monday	10:30-11:30 AM
Advent Bible Study	Mondays @1:30 PM...
	Nov 25, Dec 2, 9
Thanksgiving Day Dinner	Noon ... Nov 28
Hanging of the Greens	8 AM ... Nov 29
Office Closed	Nov. 28 & 29
Christmas Lights Parade	Dec 8

****Next Sunday will be the First Sunday of Advent.**

****"IT IS WELL MOMENT" ...** each Monday at Noon on Facebook.

****COFFEE HOUR FUND ...** Please consider giving a donation to our Coffee Hour Fellowship to help purchase refreshments.

**** 2025 NEW WORSHIP TIME ...** 11 AM

ALL CHURCH ACTIVITIES ...

GOLD CREST SERVICE ... 2nd Sunday of the month at 2:30 PM
2024 ADVENT SERMON SERIES ... "Words for the Beginning: A Series from a Sanctified Art."