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Thanksgiving

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.  
All points marked \* those who are able are invited to stand.)

## Approach

Gathering Song MV #182 – “Grateful”

Call to Worship

Anthem – “A Thanksgiving Prayer”

Prayer of Approach and Confession

**God of wisdom, we come to worship you with thanks for the blessings that fill our lives. We come, too, seeking your guidance. Point us towards thoughts and actions that are true, honourable and just. Help us to focus on things that are excellent and worthy of praise.**

**We admit that we sometimes ignore the good things right in front of us. We waste energy striving for the things beyond our reach instead of being thankful for what we have. We have taken those we love, the gentle and just people in our lives, for granted.**

**Free us from our guilt to live with meaning and grace. We pray in Christ’s name. AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Time – ‘All the things we’re thankful for’

\* Hymn MV #185 – “Every Day is a Day of Thanksgiving”

## The Word

 Scripture Readings – Philippians 4: 4-9

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Meditation – “Makings thanks a habit.”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

\* Hymn VU #242 – “Let All Things Now Living”

## The Response

Announcements / Minute Person – Patrick Woodbeck

\* Offering / Response (VU #549)

**For all your goodness, God,  
we give you thanks.  
Thanks for the food we eat,  
and for the friends we meet,  
for each new day we greet,  
we give you thanks.**

Pastoral Prayer

\* Hymn VU #227 – “For the Fruit of All Creation”

Benediction / Response (VU #967)

**Amen, amen, amen!**



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