

# First Presbyterian Church

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Community Thanksgiving Service  
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We welcome you not as strangers but as a part of God's family! We are a community of faith that gathers to praise our Lord and Savior, serve others, search for answers, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We hope today you will be challenged and discover encouragement. The peace of Christ be with you!

## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Bryan Leech

“We Gather Here in Jesus Name”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Rick Martindale

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: *And also with you.*

## CHORAL INTROIT

“From the Rising of the Sun”

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: We gather as a community of faith knowing that our strength comes from worshipping God.

People: *This evening we proclaim God’s wonder and majesty for us to enjoy and embrace.*

Leader: God has bestowed a great abundance upon our lives.

People: *God is calling us to share them with all of God’s people.*

Leader: May God’s grace surround us.

People: *May we recognize the love that showers upon us.*

Unison: *God is directing us in ways that proclaim God’s glory for the world to see.*

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

### \*HYMN OF ADORATION # 41

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above”

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

*Loving God, we are prepared to meet You. We are quickly preparing for Thanksgiving Day and a time of food and fellowship with family and friends. We don’t spend as much time however, preparing for our encounters with You. We barely recognize Your voice. We don’t devote enough time in prayer, devotion, and reading Your word.*

*Help change those many things and people we take for granted including Your Son. Forgive our many sins and awaken in us the love and mercy that is Yours. Amen.*

### \*DECLARATION OF PARDON

### \*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.*

## PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 29:16, Page 657

### ANTHEM

Traditional Welsh Melody

“Let All Things Now Living”

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 9:19-21, Page 159

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

### SERMON

The Rev. Rhonda Campbell

“The Glue that Holds Us Together”

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### OFFERING

Our offering this evening will be going to the Carthage Food Bank. We are collecting food items at the entrances to the church as well as monetary gifts. Please give generously to assist those less fortunate than ourselves.

### OFFERTORY

Andy and Claire Kloniger

“In all Things Give Him Thanks”

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION # 643

“Now Thank We All Our God”

### \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

### \*POSTLUDE

Johnson Oatman

“Count Your Blessings”

Welcome to this Community Thanksgiving Service! Our faith communities are strengthened as we worship together as one. Together we are better able to serve God. As we prepare for Thanksgiving Day, let us be especially mindful of those who are struggling and in need of our help. Let us appreciate God's countless blessings bestowed upon us and the ability to help our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Those participating in tonight's service include:

The Rev. Rhonda Campbell at Carthage United Methodist Church

The Rev. Rick Martindale at First Presbyterian Church

Mr. Edward Lee, Choir Director at United Methodist Church

Ms. Jeanne Dennis, Organist at First Presbyterian Church

The combined choirs from our churches.

And everyone present this evening.