

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

“Just Ask Him” Owens
“The Last Mile Of The Way” Oatman Jr./Marks
“Let There Be Peace On Earth” Miller/Jackson

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to God!
People: We thank God for joy, for laughter, for abundant blessings of every kind.
Leader: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything!
People: We thank God, when we can and as we can, for struggles, for solitude, for fears.
Leader: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
People: We thank God that, in Christ, our joys as well as our pain, our losses as well as our laughter, are in God's heart and hands.

*HYMN We Gather Together #376

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

All: In the midst of our thanksgiving we pause to recall how, too often, we lose sight of the gifts of each day and who bestows us with these gifts. O Lord, forgive us when we forget about you, when we forget to love you, and when we

forget to love our neighbors. Grant us clear minds to know you fully, transformed hearts to love you more, and strong hands to serve you better. Help us live this day, and all days, in thanksgiving to you, God, Our Strength and Our Redeemer. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God did not send Christ into the world to condemn the world, but to be its Savior.
People: We can trust that we are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*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. Afterwards, kids of all ages can follow our Children’s Church leaders to our Sunday School program in the Education Building for stories, games, crafts, and more. We also welcome families to remain in worship if that is what works best for you!

*HYMN Now Thank We All Our God #374

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE 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 John 6:25-35

SERMON “The Thanksgiving Lifestyle” 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. Amen.

***OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
All: We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. In the world of Christ’s gospel, we measure wealth not by what we have, but by what we can give away. Let us give away generously and thankfully, in this offering, to bless God’s people, God’s church, and all God’s creation. Amen.

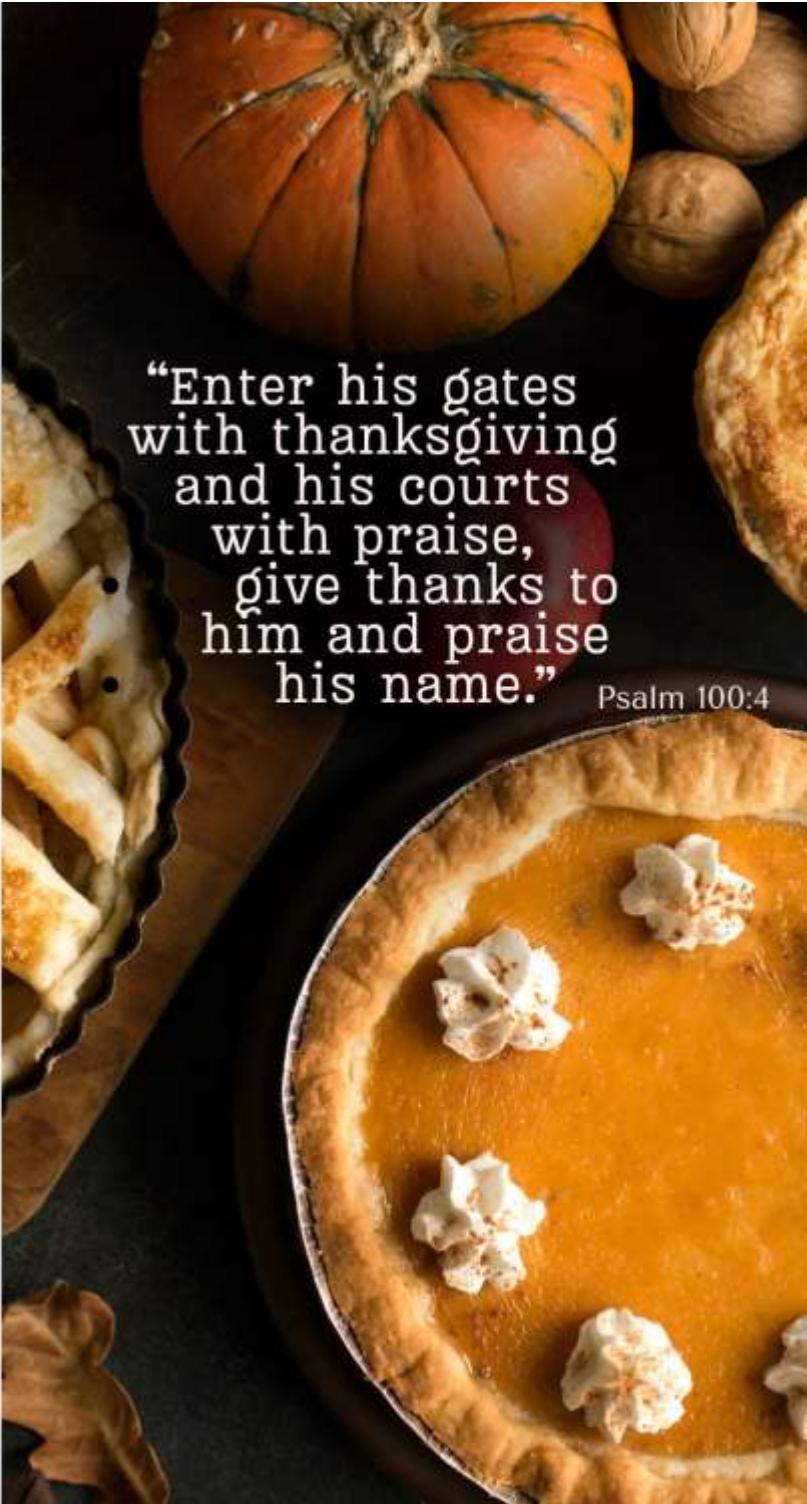
***HYMN** *Let All Things Now Living* #53

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING MUSIC *“The Voice of Jesus”* *Keating*

THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW WORSHIP

Call to Worship written by Thom Shuman on Lectionary Liturgies. Confession & Assurance adapted from Thanksgiving Sunday: A Joyful Service of Hymn and Witness, by Kevin Little. Offering prayer adapted from words by Rev. Quentin Chin.



WELCOME TO LONGSWAMP UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

This is our Weekly Beacon- November 23rd-29th, 2025

Thanks for joining us today for our Thanksgiving worship service! Reminder that we have a congregational meeting today after church. Please stay after to help approve next year's budget and induct members onto various committees and boards! We also will have play practice after the congregational meeting.

Next Sunday, November 30th, is the first Sunday of Advent!

Sharing Our Faith

Looking ahead, be sure to mark these dates on your calendars!

December 7th- 2nd Sunday of Advent, Christmas Nativity share. Bring your favorite nativity to display around the sanctuary and check out the sets that everyone else has, too.

December 14th- 3rd Sunday of Advent, The annual LUCC Christmas Play! This year's play is "A Longswamp Carol," written and directed by our own Hope Deiaco. You don't want to miss it!

December 21st- 4th Sunday of Advent, The Moravian Love Feast with Harpist and Guitar duo, Sarajane and Ted Williams

December 24th (Wednesday)- Christmas Eve Worship Service. The 7pm service will be family-oriented and will feature a performance by the Loft Choir. The 11pm service is quieter and more contemplative, featuring a soloist. Both services have candlelight and communion.

Reminders for Families! Christmas Play practice is every Sunday after worship and every Wednesday at 6:30pm! Make sure you have the morning of Saturday December 13th blocked off for dress rehearsal! The play is during worship on Sunday December 14th!

Save the date for our Christmas Craft Night on December 4th at 6:30pm! You are able to come whenever so even if you can't make it by that time, stop by when you're able. Hopefully everyone can join us for some fun crafts and fellowship! **We are in need of fabric scraps for a craft. If anyone has extras laying around, please speak with Pastor Kim!**

Christmas presents for LUCC's Senior Saints - Please sign the card that will be included in our Senior Saints' Christmas presents from our congregation. The Christmas presents for our Senior Saints will be ready for distribution on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025.

Teaching What We Believe

Children's church meets weekly during the church service. After the children's message, kids can follow the Children's Church leaders over to the preschool room for crafts, games, and more! Children can also stay in church with their families if that's what you'd prefer. They are also welcome to use our Playground area at the front left of the sanctuary!

Calling all young children (age 0 - elementary school age)! Make plans to attend **Jesus' Birthday Party** in **Fegely Hall** during Children's Church on **Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025**. Come and

join the fun as we hear the story of the first Christmas, sing songs, play games, 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 **Jesus' Birthday Party**, please contact Jill or Vern Shade. Hope to see you there for our celebration of Jesus' birth!

Acting on Jesus' Teachings

November 2025 Local Mission - Christmas presents for 20 local children and 25 residents of Phoebe Allentown - 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 child or a resident of Phoebe Allentown.

1. **Christmas presents for 20 local children** - If you volunteered to provide clothing (minimum of a shirt and a pair of pants) for a local child, please **do not** wrap the gifts. Please put everything in a bag with the angel tag attached to the bag. Please include a new roll of Christmas wrapping paper (optional items - 1 or 2 boxes, tissue paper, tape, and a bow for each box) with the presents for the 20 local children so the parents may wrap the presents. It is very important that everyone returns the Christmas presents for the 20 local children **no later than Sunday, November 30, 2025**.

2. **Christmas presents for 25 residents of Phoebe Allentown** - All presents for the Phoebe Allentown residents should be put in **Christmas gift bags**. Please attach the angel tag to the gift bag. The Christmas presents for the Phoebe Allentown residents are due **no later than Sunday, November 30, 2025**.

Longswamp UCC Business

Copies of our November Newsletter are available in the narthex! =Make sure you grab your copy today!

If you're interested in being a reader or greeter, please let Maggie in the office know! We are always looking for people to help out with the service in these ways.