# Longswamp United Church of Christ
## November 22, 2026 ~ 10:15 am

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## *Thanksgiving Sunday*

**Indicates to rise as you are able in body and spirit.*

**MUSIC PREPARES US FOR WORSHIP**

**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.
**People: Make known God's deeds among the peoples!**
Leader: God blesses us with gifts of love;
**People: With food and clothing, home and family.**
Leader: God blesses us with daily work;
**People: And all we need from day to day.**
Leader: God protects us in time of danger;
**People: And guards us from every evil.**
Leader: God calls us into relationship with him;
**People: And forms us into one holy people, the Church in this place.**
Leader: Therefore we shall offer thanks and praise to the Lord our God.
**People: O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.**

***HYMN** ***We Gather Together*** ***#376***

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**CONFESSION**
**All: God of Grace, we bring to you our ingratitude, for all that you have done for us. Eternal God, we bring to you our impatience, when we are convinced our prayers have been ignored. Generous God we bring to you our selfishness, when we rather preserve what we have than give and share with others. God Everlasting, we bring to you our unfaithfulness, when we wander from your ways. Forgive us when we fail to say "Thank you"and take your blessings for granted. Help us learn to be more Christ-like and guide us on pathways of appreciation. Amen.**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
Leader: Through Jesus Christ, who gave all, we are forgiven and bestowed with grace upon grace.
**People: We are truly grateful. Alleluia. 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 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** **Luke 17:11-19**

**SERMON** "It Will Be Enough" 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: Merciful God, receive our humble offerings as a testimony to your provision and a demonstration of our love. May they be magnified and multiplied for the benefit of our community and all creation. May our generosity reflect our gratitude and thanksgiving for God's holy love and this house of worship and welcome. Amen.**

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

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING MUSIC** *Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart* *Henry Smith Jr.*

*THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW WORSHIP*

*Call to Worship by Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel from A Service for Thanksgiving Eve. Confession adapted from writings posted on Faith & Worship by John Birch.*

LONGSWAMP UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



# WELCOME TO LONGSWAMP UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

This is our Weekly Beacon- November 22nd-28th, 2026

Thank you for worshipping with us today as we celebrate Thanksgiving and the gratitude we extend to God for life's many blessings. Immediately following worship, we will have our Congregational Meeting to discuss and vote on our budget and elected leaders for next year. Please stay after worship for this important meeting and some tasty treats.
Next Sunday, November 29th, is the First Sunday of Advent- join us at 10:15 am as we kick-off this special season of preparation for Christ's birth and we light our Advent Wreath. Glenn Fisher will be joining us on flute as well!

## Sharing Our Faith

**Mark some exciting upcoming dates on your calendars!**
First, the annual Christmas Play will be on Sunday, December 13th, at 10:15am! This year's play is "In A Galilee Far, Far Away." Our cast and crew have been working diligently on this year's play and we're so excited to show it to you! Afterward, there will be a luncheon of "space food" and anyone is welcome to join us!

Also mark your calendars for our Moravian Love Feast on Sunday, December 20th, at 10:15am. We will once again be joined by harpist, Sarajane Williams, who will provide lovely music as attendees are served sweet rolls, and coffee/tea/hot chocolate.

This year's Christmas Eve services will be at 7pm and 11pm on December 24th. The 7pm service is a more family-oriented service, with a children's message and a special song from our Choir. The 11pm service is quieter and more contemplative. Both services will have Holy Communion and candlelight.

**Please sign the holiday card for our Senior Saints, which will be included in their Christmas presents from our congregation.** The Christmas presents for our Senior Saints will be ready for distribution on Sunday, Dec. 6, 2026.

## Teaching What We Believe

**Children's Church runs weekly during the church service.** After the children's message, kids can follow the leaders to the education building for lessons, crafts, games, and more! Your child is welcome to stay in worship with their family or play in our Prayground, if that's what you'd prefer, as well. Next week, for the first Sunday of Advent, we will begin our lessons on the nativity. Next week's lesson is all about Mary.

**Calling all young children!** Make plans to attend **Jesus' Birthday Party** in **Fegely Hall** during Children's Church on **Sunday, Dec. 20th.** Come and join the fun as we hear the story of the first Christmas, sing songs, play games, have snacks, and more! We will proceed to Fegely Hall as a group 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 2026 Local Mission - Christmas presents for 20 residents of Phoebe Allentown and youth at Bethany Children's Home**

1. **Christmas presents for 20 residents of Phoebe Allentown -** All presents for the Phoebe Allentown residents should be put in **holiday gift bags**. Please attach the angel tag to the gift bag and include a signed Christmas card in the bag. The Christmas presents for the Phoebe Allentown residents are due **no later than Sunday, Nov 29th.**
2. **Christmas presents for Bethany Children's Home (BCH) youth** - Thank you to everyone who signed up to provide Christmas presents for 4 youth at Bethany Children's Home. If you volunteered to provide a Christmas present for one of 4 youth, please **do not** wrap the gifts. Please put everything in a bag with the angel tag attached to the bag. Please feel free to provide Christmas wrapping paper, tape, and/or self-adhesive gift tags. It is very important that everyone returns the Christmas presents for the youth from BCH **no later than Sunday, December 6, 2026.**

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 resident of Phoebe Allentown or a youth who resides at Bethany Children's Home.

## Longswamp UCC Business

**We're always looking for readers and greeters!** If you'd like to be a reader, please talk to Maggie and if you'd like to greet, please sign up on the date of your choice in the narthex!

**2027 Giving envelopes will be available in the narthex in the next few weeks.** If you would like envelopes and have not gotten them before, please let Maggie in the office know! Similarly, if you currently get envelopes and do not want them, please let her know.