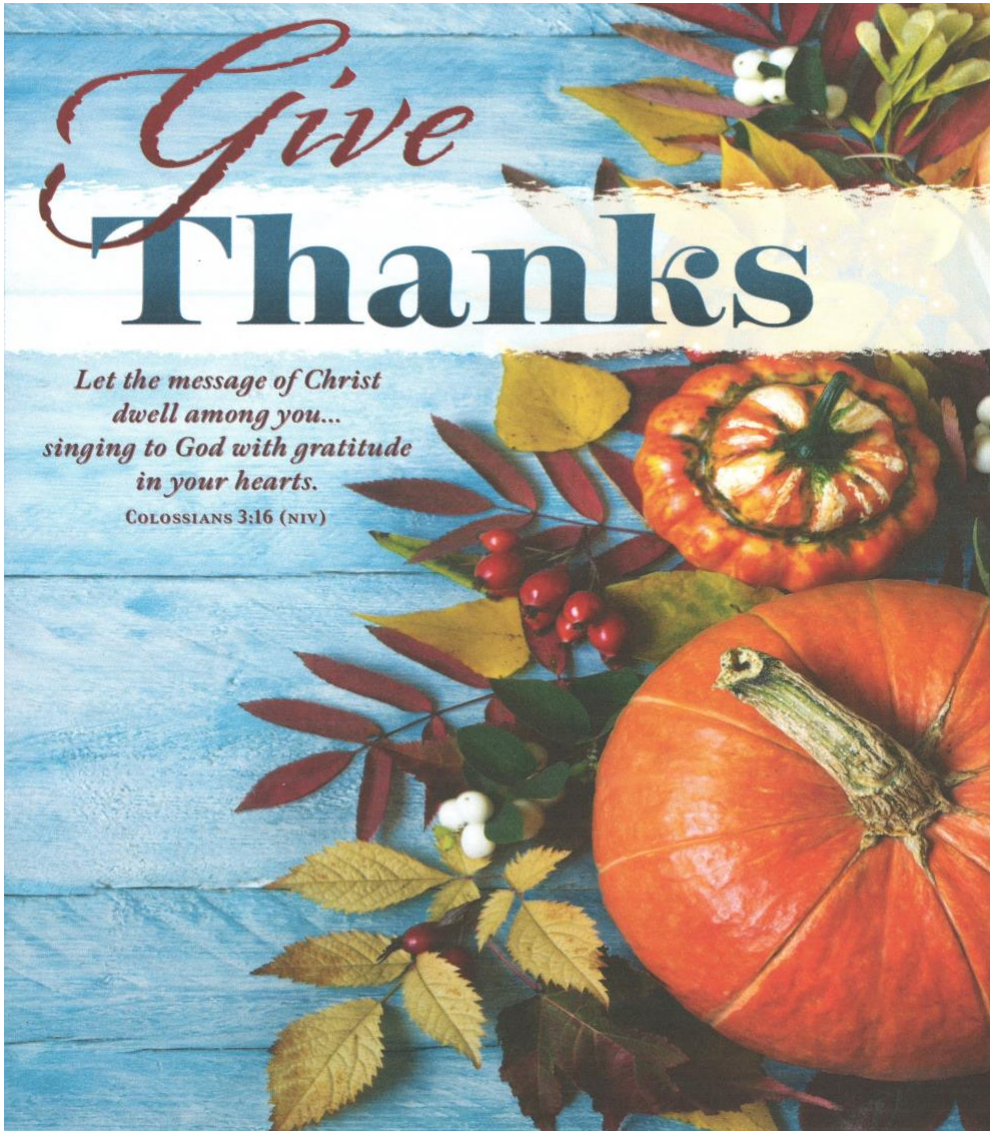


MANAHAWKIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2024 – THE YEAR OF TALENTS



*Let the message of Christ
dwell among you...
singing to God with gratitude
in your hearts.*

COLOSSIANS 3:16 (NIV)

Celebrating 220+ Years of Ministry

Pastor: Rev. Kyewoon Choi

Music Director: Dennis Linde

Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost
November 24, 2024
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Worship Bulletin

Please set all cell phones to airplane mode.

During the first hymn, the ushers will collect Prayer Concern Cards.

Please sign the Attendance Pad & pass it down the pew (Guests please include your address).

** = The congregation is invited to stand.*

Prelude

Thanks Be To Thee

G. F. Handel

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

***Call to Worship:**

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C: And, also with you.

L: The risen Christ is with us.

C: Praise the Lord!

*** Hymn #102:**

Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession (adopted from Psalm 139)

L: LORD, You have searched us out and known us

C: You know our sitting down and rising up

L: You discern our thoughts from afar.

C: Where can we go from Your spirit?

L: Where can we flee from Your presence?

C: Have mercy on us, O God

L: Grant us Your pardon

C: In Jesus' name. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us;

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

C: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Joys, Concerns and Praises

Scripture Lessons: Colossians 2:6-7, 3:16 (8:30) Haily Fernandes-Bryan
(11:00) Lin DeVecchio

⁶Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

¹⁶Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

L: The word of God for the people of God. **C: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Anthem

Thanksgiving

G. Winston

Sermon

Thanksgiving is a Choice

Pastor Choi

***Hymn #417 (v. 1-3):**

O For a Heart to Praise My God

1. O for a heart to praise my God, a heart from sin set free,
a heart that always feels thy blood so freely shed for me.
2. A heart resigned, submissive, meek, my great Redeemer's throne,
where only Christ is heard to speak, where Jesus reigns alone.
3. A humble, lowly, contrite heart, believing, true, and clean,
which neither life nor death can part from Christ who dwells within.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory:

When Love is Found

H. Hopson

***Doxology (#95)**

Prayer of Dedication

L: O Lord, as we present this offering upon your altar,

C: We offer ourselves as a living sacrifice.

L: Use our words and actions of love and kindness to spread the love of Christ.

C: May all of our gifts and services be acceptable in your sight.

L: In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, we pray. **C: Amen.**

***Hymn #417 (v. 4-5):**

O For a Heart to Praise My God

4. A heart in every thought renewed and full of love divine,
perfect and right and pure and good, a copy, Lord, of thine.

5. Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart; come quickly from above;
write thy new name upon my heart, thy new, best name of Love.

Benediction

Benediction Response

Go Now in Peace

by Don Besig and Nancy Price

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.*

Postlude

Joy in Thanksgiving

M. Axman

Today's Altar basket is present **to the Glory of God**
In Loving Memory of all those whom I have lost,
but who will forever be in my heart, Today & Always

By Diane DeVito
Nurture (Zero)



Worship Leaders: (8:30) Regina Appiah-Mends	(11:00) Nathaniel Eismann
Greeters: (8:30) Bill and Alice Welsh	(11:00) Volunteers
Ushers: (8:30) Diane Devito & Kathy Knauer	(11:00) Volunteers
Acolyte: (8:30) Ava Rodriguez	(11:00) Volunteer

CHURCH STAFF

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**PRAYER REQUESTS will be kept for 4 weeks.
If you want longer, please call the office 609-597-7666.**

For our President, Congress, World Leaders, and all those called to Active Duty.
For the Christians and churches who are under attack. For the peace between Israel and Gaza. For the end of Ukraine War. For the peace in Sudan and Haiti.

For Healing, Surgeries, Illnesses, Needs, etc:

The Armstrong family, Lee Slater, the Choi family, Arleen Logan, Michael Wilkes, Sue Wilkes, Helen Dearsing, Albert Simmons, Caroline Keller, Leo Assur, Jimmy and his family, Shirley Elliott, Don & Ceil Kelly, Linda, Uncle Bob, Valerie Bruno, Marie Smith, Val Griffin, Dick Saunders, Rick O'Connor, Bill Logan, Millie Plant, Carlos Lopez, Casey, Walter, the Cook family, Stephanie G., Grayson, John Linde, Glenn Schorr, Ken Schorr Jr., Richard Blake, Melissa Blake, Beverly Jonas, Wally, Ann Scaturo, Anthony Vitelli, Jimmy Brennan, Lori Nielsen's sister, Ron and Bobbie Warmbier.

Death: David Armstrong 11/12/2024

Come now, let us settle the matter, says the Lord.
Though your sins are like scarlet, they
shall be white as snow.
Isaiah 1:18

ATTENDANCE FOR IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL SERVICES

Sunday, November 17, 2024

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

Wed. Nov. 27 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve service

UPCOMING

Sun. Dec. 8 8:30 & 11 a.m. New Members to Be Received @both services
Tue. Dec. 10 12 noon MUWF Christmas Luncheon @ Calloways
Sat. Dec. 14 1-5 p.m. Christmas Caroling
Sun. Dec. 15 2 p.m. Sunday School Pageant
Sun. Dec. 22 4 p.m. Christmas Cantata followed by Fellowship dinner
Sun. Dec. 24 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service (One Service Only)

THE APPIAH-MENDS FAMILY: is moving to Ghana. Their last Sunday with us will be next Sunday December 1. We thank God for their faithful presence, prayers, gifts, and service for the past twelve years. We will miss them. God bless.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES: are being offered TODAY, November 24, 10 a.m. and December 1, 10 a.m. You only need to attend one class. Those who completed the class will be received on Sunday, December 8. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

PONTSETTIA ORDERS: are due NEXT Sunday, December 1. Please have all orders in on time due to supplier constraints.

2025 CHURCH DIRECTORY (Draft): is in the Narthex for your proof-reading. It will be published on Sunday, December 8. Thanks.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: are available on the table in the Narthex. The boxes are arranged in alphabetical order. Please take yours before you leave the church today.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA: on Sunday, December 22, at 4 p.m. followed by a Christmas Dinner supplied by the Grateful Helping Hands ministry! Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Come and share Christmas Joy and fellowship!

FOOD BANK ITEMS: for December are hearty soups and saltines. Please put your donations in the labeled bin located in the narthex. Thank you.

