Grace Presbyterian Church
El Paso, Texas

Thanksgiving Sunday
November 15, 2026
10:00AM

WELCOME

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

CHIMING THE HOUR/TIME OF CENTERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP — Liliana Gonzalez

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness, come into God's presence with singing.
We know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we belong to God;
we are the Lord's people and the sheep of God's pasture.
Enter the Lord's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.
Give thanks to the Lord; bless God's name.
For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever and God's faithfulness to all generations.

*PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Most gracious God, we praise you for the return of the planting and harvesting seasons, for the bounty of the soil and the harvesting of crops, and for every blessing which you pour out upon your peoples of every nation. Keep us faithful as we wait and watch for your coming realm, when you will welcome your children into your kingdom of justice, peace, and love. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN — *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* | No. 367

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit in thankful praise to yield,
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
from each field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
Give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in God's garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
There forever purified, in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home!

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
TEXT: Henry Alford;
MUSIC: George Job Elvey
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will. When tensions rise, we cling to fear and forget to trust in your providence. When we are giddy with power, we abuse the rights of others, holding tight to our privilege and forgetting your laws. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are weak and prone to wander. Hear our confession, and respond with mercy. Help us to turn to you again that we may walk in your ways and live in equity and peace. justice and love. Amen. *(A time for silent confession)*

POURING OF THE WATER

Because of the grace we receive in baptism, we have nothing to fear.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved siblings in Christ, the God who provided manna in the wilderness walks with us even when we wander from God's paths and miss the mark of God's calling. Believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE — *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* | No. 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
TEXT: Trad. Liturgical text; adapt. Paul M. Vasile
MUSIC: Paul M. Vasile
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CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC — *For the Beauty of the Earth* | Grace Choir

Words and Music by

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSION — Psalm 100

*HYMN — *Let All Things Now Living* | No. 37

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

Let All Things Now Living
TEXT: *Katherine K. Davis*
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody
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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON — Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON — *"Savvy?"* | Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, nwhom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER *Glory to God* | pg. 35

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 GIVE, OFFERING & OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* | LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

For all that you are and all that you, we give you thanks, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We wait in hope for the coming of your kingdom and offer these gifts and our lives to further your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* |No. 643

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

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 in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Now Thank We All Our God
TEXT: Martin Rinkart
MUSIC: Johann Cruger
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*CHARGE & BENEDICTION Remember you are a child of God: And God loves God's children.

NOV 15 - 22

Events & Celebrations

SUN | 15	MON | 16	TUE | 17	WED | 18
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship, 11:15AM B&G, 11:30AM NA of EP, 3:00PM BIRTHDAY—Bob Hedicke	Finance, 10:00AM Yoga, 2:00PM	GraceB4Work, 7:00AM	Session, 6:00PM BIRTHDAY Savannah Romero
THU | 19	**FRI | 20**	**SAT | 21**	**SUN | 22**
		Quilter's, 8:30AM SLAM, 5:00PM	CHRIST THE KING Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship, 11:15AM ADVENT DECORATING NA of EP, 3:00PM

Prayers & Concerns

Mildred Helm	Pete McMillan	Jerry Malone	Pat Bryant
Zoomer Roberts	Susan Carr	Mary Province	Mike McMinn
Bob Hedicke	Judy Ruiz	Jackie Franco	Mary Dunn

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching—Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith
Music Director—Brittney Williams
Additional Accompaniment—Bill Rose

Liturgist— Liliana Gonzalez
Accompanist/Pianist—Patricia Ann Provencio
Technology—Angel Martinez, Bob Jones & Jim Collins

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