

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

“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.” (H. Alford, 1844)

Dear Friends,

The season of Thanksgiving is here and we are blessed to live in the Great Lakes state of Michigan. We are surrounded by the beautiful trees turning majestic colors of red, orange, and yellow. Then the leaves slowly drop to the ground and then the raking begins.

Thanksgiving is a special time to give thanks for the growth and changes in our lives and in the church. We give thanks for all our leaders who lead work groups (Finance, Trustees, Staff Parish, Missions, Memorials), who teach our Christian Education/Sunday School classes, and organize mission and outreach programs.

We are thankful for all our music and worship volunteers (greeters, ushers, sound tech, liturgists, praise singers, bell choir) who support our weekly Sunday worship services. We give thanks for our dedicated staff: Becky Sallans, our Administrative Assistant, Alex Wolf, our pianist; and Lindsay Halliday, our nursery attendant.

Thanksgiving season is a time to give thanks to God for all our blessings of time, talent, and financial resources, and then commit a portion of our gifts to God and God’s Church. God calls us to share generously with those in need, through missions, community outreach, and service.

“Come, ye thankful people, come.” Let us come to worship God with thankful hearts, and then go out into the world to share God’s love and joy with others.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jennifer