

“a time to give thanks”

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Worship 8:30 & 11 Thursday evenings 7:30

A DAY, A MOMENT ... SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2011

Worship at All Saints is a time to reflect, give thanks, pray ... maybe even laugh & cry a bit ... in the quietness of this humble place.

We hope your soul is nourished, being with us today. We enjoy having kids in church ... but when they are noisy & restless ... we ask you **please to respect** the quiet and dignity --- both of our worship experience and your neighbor. We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under ... and our highly paid, good-looking, and moderately festive staff is anxious to care for your children. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery and introduce yourself to the attendant. Welcome to All Saints ... our special “Thanksgiving blend” coffee awaits you in Charter Hall.

welcome ... with an announcement or two

opening prayers

I'm thankful this morning, Lord ... for “stuff” ----- some spiritual, some emotional ... some just plain ol' stuff.

My mind wanders ... my spirit searches ... my soul ---- well, it is what it is. THANK-YOU, LORD ...

**for you, your son for simple miracles, in ordinary moments
for friendship, without strings for forgiveness, undeserved
for freedom, to live each day for a gentle touch, unexpected
a gift of the heart, without price, for soft voices, in a harsh world
a child's innocence, born of your grace
an old man's wisdom grandma's recipe, for food and love
a teacher's patience
for a sip of wine, after Thanksgiving's left-overs**

a phone call, saying “I love you”

Too often, Lord, I forget to say “thanks” ... or to cherish the moments that won't be here forever. It's good to be here ... it's just plain “good to be” ----- amen.

opening song

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readings for the day

“will my younger friends come forward?”

kids' time

song

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meditation

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offering and offertory

choir anthem, 8:30 ... “Keep your lamps”

prayers and sharing the Lord's Supper

*Kathy Ruiter: “I am with you” spirit songs: 53, 55, 56
“alleluia, he's my savior, alleluia”*

closing song

“He leadeth me” 501

benediction and 3-fold “amen”

****thanks to the Sunday School kids for singing this morning:**

“GOD MADE YOU A PROMISE”

****The altar flowers this morning are from JACKIE CHMIELESKI,
in loving memory of EVELYN CHMIELESKI ... Jackie also shares the gift of the
eternal light in Evelyn's memory.***

May God bless her memory and spirit ... and thanks for sharing
the gift of flowers and light.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP on Thursday ---- 10:00 ...

followed by our dinner for St. Coletta's in Charter Hall.

THANKS TO OUR YOUTH GROUP and COMPANY ... for the "Thanksgiving
Feast" today for our Sunday School kids.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS ...

*this Saturday at noon ... rsvp if you can come ... bring an appetizer to share if
you'd like.*

THE OUTREACH SEASON IS HERE.

**adults and kids to be "adopted" ... names are on the table. Please
follow the instructions carefully.*

**THE LOVE BUCKET for the next 2-3 weeks is dedicated to our holiday
outreach ---- buying food, etc. for our families in need.*

Thanks to all for sharing and caring.

Do you have extra wrapping paper? ... we can use it!!

WINE TASTING PARTY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 7:00

You can purchase tickets (\$15) beginning today.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS ... *as you buy them, they will decorate our
sanctuary for Advent – Christmas. Forms and payment envelopes
are in the narthex.*

ADVENT SUPPERS AROUND THE TREE ... *December 1, 8, and 15 ...*

*6:30 ... followed by evening worship. Please rsvp for any or all of
the suppers. We only ask a donation of \$3-\$5 ...*

OUR ALWAYS HUMBLE AND FESTIVE STAFF

Debbie Facius and Kathy Janik, office administrators

Kathy Klang, comptroller Mark Nussle, choir director

Mike Hefter, organist Linda McAley, custodian

Ed Steele, Mr. Fix-it Craig Nelson, pastoral support

Kathy Ruiter, Sunday School Superintendent