



# Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

10:30 A.M.

# PEACE BE WITH YOU

As pastors of Catonsville Presbyterian Church, we know that this is a community of love, care, and true welcome. We pray that you will experience our hospitality and our delight in your presence.

Not only do we welcome you and your family, but we seek to welcome the full range of experiences, identities, and feelings that you carry. Our life together is often marked by a desire to thoughtfully engage God's world and our own humanity. We're compelled by the reality that the Christian life is often full of doubt, fear, loneliness, shortfalls, and uncertainty, in the same way that it can be full of beauty, belonging, love, and hope.

Whoever you are today, whoever you have been, and whoever you have yet to be: you are welcome in this space. We hope to meet you this morning, and if not, we hope to say hello in the coming days. If you are interested in learning more about our ministry at Catonsville Presbyterian Church, consider opening your phone's camera and following the QR code on this page. We'll send a short email with some ways to get connected this week and in the weeks to come.



Once again, welcome. You are a beloved child of God.

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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

## ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION

We actively engage our intellects and our hearts in what we believe to be true: that God's peace, justice, and radical love are good news for every corner of our lives. We seek to be a place of freedom and liberation, where people of all ages and backgrounds deepen their connection to God and others while making a tangible difference in our Catonsville community and throughout the world.

Rooted in this faith, our congregation proudly affirms the gifts, callings, and God-given identities of LGBTQIA+ members, friends, and guests. God invites all of us to explore and discover the person God has created and known before all time.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Educational ministries are currently held on the second week of each month. These Second Sundays include childcare and youth programming beginning at 10:00 a.m. and multi-age church school for those in kindergarten through fifth grade. Visit [catonsvillepres.org/ministries/families](https://catonsvillepres.org/ministries/families) to learn more.

Today, you can find children's bulletins, books, and activities in the back of the sanctuary. The Fellowship Hall is available for families to use if desired. The service can be heard in the room and there's plenty of space for active children.

## WELCOMING ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

Catonsville Presbyterian Church recognizes that people of all ages have varying abilities and needs. If you meet or see someone with differing needs, whether an adult or a child, please recognize that underlying conditions may occasionally cause behavior that might be misrepresented as inappropriate. Please reach out. Ask if there is a way you might assist and otherwise be understanding and supportive.

If you or a family member has special needs, please speak to one of the pastors or the Deacon of the Day. We want to fully appreciate each individual's gifts and talents and help you to feel a part of this faith community.

**We return thanks to our Mother, the earth which  
sustains us**

**We return thanks to the river and the streams which  
supply us with water**

**We return thanks to all the herbs which furnish  
medicines for the cure of our diseases**

**We return thanks to the moon and the stars which  
have given to us their light when the sun was  
gone**

**We return thanks to the sun that has looked upon the  
Earth with a beneficent eye**

**Lastly, we return thanks to the Great Spirit in whom  
is embodied all goodness and who directs all  
things for the good of her children.**

*From a Haudenosaunee Blessing*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service for the Lord's Day

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### PRELUDE

*Come Ye Thankful People*, setting by James Kasen

*Come, Ye Thankful People* evokes imagery drawn from parables taught by Jesus of wheat and tares, and of a growing seed. The hymn (#367) which speaks of harvest and the gathering is both a prayer of gratitude and of praise, as well as an affirmation of God's ultimate purpose: "Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin." Composer James Kasen captures the spirit of gratitude and acclamation in this familiar and well-loved Thanksgiving hymn.

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

*(The congregation responds aloud with the bold text)*

Come to God with joy in your hearts.

**We come, to praise God with thanksgiving.**

Bless God's holy name, the One who has made us.

**We come into God's presence, singing songs of wonder and hope.**

God is good! God's faithfulness never ends.

**We are God's people, seeking lives of service and praise.**

### † HYMN

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;  
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the blessings of the field, all the stores the gardens yield,  
All the fruits in full supply, ripened 'neath the summer sky,  
All the spring with bounteous hand scatters o'er the smiling land,  
All the liberal autumn pours from its rich o'er-flowing stores,

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† Please rise in body or in spirit

3. These to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our blessings flow;  
And for these our souls shall raise grateful vows and solemn praise.  
Come, then, thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;  
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Because we live in this modern, tech-driven age, we often forget what you have done for us, God of every blessing. We isolate ourselves through social media, reinforcing our own beliefs instead of reaching out to others. We have more than we can ever use yet store up more and more. Our faith is pushed to the back of the closet, to make room for all the fears we wear so easily.

Forgive us, Restorer of Life. As you clothe us with your grace and mercy, may we share with those who have so little. As our hearts overflow with love and wonder, may we offer them as gifts to everyone we meet. As you feed us with your joy and hope, may we welcome all those whose lives are filled with tears and pain. As we gather with family and friends during this season, may we continue to reach out with justice and welcome, giving thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Savior.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† RESPONSE OF PRAISE: HYMN # 582

“Glory to God, Whose  
Goodness Shines on Me”

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

## LIFE IN COMMUNITY



Come in your faith, and in your doubt! If you are joining us for the first time, we invite you to share your information by scanning the QR code. We would love to connect.

Upcoming events and recent announcements are available in the back of the bulletin and on our website at [catonsvillepres.org](http://catonsvillepres.org).

## MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Tracy Lantz

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 8:7-18  
*Page 165 of the Old Testament*

### MEDITATION

*"Deo Gratias"*  
Dorothy Boulton

### HYMN # 643

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### CALL TO OFFERING

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND PRESENTATION OF PLEDGES

*If you would like to contribute financially to Catonsville Presbyterian Church, scan the QR code or use the offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary.*





## OFFERTORY

*Deo Gratias*, James J. Chepponis

### **Refrain:**

Loving God, to you we sing.  
Hear the grateful songs we bring.  
*Deo gratias* (thank God)

For the beauty of earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies; [Refrain]

For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon, and stars of night; [Refrain]

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild; [Refrain]

## † DOXOLOGY # 607

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

## † PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy God,  
You have looked upon your people with mercy, generosity, and love.  
You have granted your favor to your people,  
offering them redemption, salvation, and wisdom.**

**And so we offer our gifts and our pledges with thanks,  
with deep gratitude for your abundant grace.**

**May they help to bind up the wounds of your people,  
and help heal the heartbreak in this broken and hurting world.**



**May they be multiplied to do your service.  
May we be strengthened to do your work.  
In the name of Jesus the Christ,  
who multiplied small gifts and fed multitudes.  
Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

For this wondrous world you created, and are creating still,  
Mountains and seas, lands and peoples  
Beautiful beyond all telling of it,  
**We thank you, O God of us all.**

For the common humanity you created us to be,  
One family joined into the mystery of you  
Yet babbled into many branches to challenge and enrich us all,  
And deliver any from arrogant over-reach,  
**We thank you, O God of mercy and wisdom.**

For the laughter and wonder and wisdom,  
The longing and caring and trusting that link us at our core,  
And shape our shared future, beautiful beyond all telling of it,  
**We thank you, O Father/Mother of us all.**

For your insistent call to hallow our lives by loving our neighbors as ourselves,  
Our enemies as our neighbors, and you above all,  
**We would thank you with our lives as well as our lips,  
For only so will we become doers of your will,  
Fulfillers of your dream,  
Members in truth of your human family,  
And beautiful beyond all telling of it, O Judge and Lover of us all.**

For your promise to be with us always, to disturb our consciences,  
ignite our curiosity, gladden our hearts, compose our wills,

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† Please rise in body or in spirit

deepen our relationships, rouse your image in us,

**We thank you for shaping our lives to become beautiful beyond all telling of it, O God of faithfulness and ingenuity.**

For your claiming our lives to serve your kingdom of justice and peace and to share its joy in redeeming the soul of our time, as we join your human family become beautiful beyond all telling of it,

**We thank you, O God of power and glory,  
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, we pray:**

**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.**

† HYMN # 37

“Let All Things Now Living”

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

*Nun danket alle Gott*, (“Now Thank We All Our God”) by Georg Friedrich Kaufmann

The tune and the text of *Nun danket alle Gott* were first combined and published by Johann Crüger in 1647. This setting by Georg Friedrich Kaufmann (1679-1735) begins with two voices in imitation for twelve measures before the triumphal melody appears in the soprano above the duo in counterpoint. The hymn’s text was translated from the original German into English by Catherine Winkworth in the early 19th century. *Nun danket alle Gott*, now published in 647 hymnals, is a splendid and majestic Thanksgiving hymn. “Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices!”

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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## SOURCES

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*Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013).

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## THIS ADVENT AT CPC

Visit [catonsvillepres.org/advent](https://catonsvillepres.org/advent) to view all upcoming events.

### Advent Devotionals

Copies of *Bless the Advent We Actually Have: A Daily Devotional for the Christmas Season* by Kate Bowler and The Everything Happens Project are available. A limited number of printed copies can be found today in the rear of the sanctuary. You can also download a copy at [catonsvillepres.org/advent](https://catonsvillepres.org/advent) or contact the church office ([office@catonsvillepres.org](mailto:office@catonsvillepres.org)) to have one printed.

### Troop 306 Christmas Tree Sales

Scout Troop 306 will again be selling Christmas trees on the front lot facing Frederick Road, beginning on Saturday, November 25 at noon. This project is the Troop's major fundraiser for the year and supports the entire operating and program budget, including merit badge and rank advancement materials, equipment, and leadership training. As an added bonus, Scout Pack 306 is excited to announce their "Trees & Treats" fundraiser during the weekend hours of the Troop Tree Sale. There will be many types of homemade holiday baked goods and hot chocolate for sale.

The sale will be held from November 26 to December 23 (or sooner if all trees have been sold) during the following hours:

- Mondays through Thursdays, 6-8 p.m.
- Fridays, 6-9 p.m.
- Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (including Trees and Treats)
- Sundays, noon to 8 p.m. (including Trees and Treats)

### Advent Gathering

After worship on December 3, there are activities for all ages. There will be crafts, refreshments, and gift assembly for "Christmas at Sea" through the Baltimore International Seafarer's Center (BISC).

### Trivia Night

On Friday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m., we will be hosting a trivia night with dessert! Get ready to participate in Christmas trivia, with categories such as Christmas Music,

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and Holiday Traditions. Please contact Stephanie Stevens ([shfemrite@gmail.com](mailto:shfemrite@gmail.com)) with any questions.

### Cocoa and Carols

On December 10 at 6:00 p.m., we will gather for Cocoa and Carols outside the ramp entrance. A brass quintet will accompany our time together while we celebrate Advent and drink plenty of hot chocolate. Please be sure to bundle up and wear comfortable shoes, as this event will be entirely outdoors.

### Festive Service of Music

Worship on December 17 will be led by the choir and consist primarily of music and Scripture.

### Cookie Walk

Join in the fun as we bring back the Cookie Walk on December 17, 2023 after worship in the Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to participate, you will need to bake 6 to 7 dozen fancy cookies or candy. You should be careful to label any allergens. Sign up at [tinyurl.com/cpc-cookies](https://tinyurl.com/cpc-cookies). Proceeds will go to the Santi School in Nepal. Thank you for helping us bring back this wonderful tradition! Contact Megan Percy ([mpeercy@umd.edu](mailto:mpeercy@umd.edu)) or Alison Enokian ([aenokian@gmail.com](mailto:aenokian@gmail.com)) with questions.

### Blue Christmas

The winter solstice is December 21, 2023, and is the longest night of the year. We will gather a few days prior, on Monday, December 18 at 7 p.m. for a solemn service that honors the grief, loss, and sorrow that is often held around Christmastime. This quiet, contemplative service will be held in the sanctuary.

### Family Christmas Eve Service

Our family Christmas Eve service will be held at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This service is structured to provide a comfortable, low-pressure space to worship on Christmas Eve. All ages are welcome!

### Candelight Christmas Eve Service

This gentle, intimate service of worship gathers us together for a night of Scripture and song. This service will include congregational singing as well as choral music. Join in worship at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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† Please rise in body or in spirit

## LEARNING & GROWING

Find resources and articles at [catonsvillepres.org/belonging](http://catonsvillepres.org/belonging)

### Advent: Facing the Darkness Together

December 3 and 10 | Led by Ken Kovacs | 9:00 a.m. in the Library

“Advent,” says Fleming Rutledge, “begins in the dark.” And, therefore, it is not for the faint of heart. At the midnight of the Christian year, the season of advent is rife with dark, gritty realities, suffering, sin, alienation, oppression, and the apparent hiddenness and absence of God. Three articles will guide us through this season, we who might fear the dark. Visit [catonsvillepres.org/belonging](http://catonsvillepres.org/belonging) to read them.

Advent reminds us that God’s light shines in the darkness (John 1:5), but we might first have to face the darkness to see it. Join us for a rich, unconventional take on the meaning of this season.

### Thursday Morning Bible Study

Next Meeting on November 30 | 10:30 a.m. in the Library

We’ll resume our exploration of the Letter to the Ephesians after Thanksgiving on November 30 at 10:30 a.m. in the Library and online.

### Youth Group

Sunday, November 26 | 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Youth Group meets on Sunday, November 26, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 pm. Middle and high school youth will gather in Fellowship Hall for Generosity Night — an evening filled with seasonal activities and conversation. Snacks will be served.

## GIVING UPDATE

We publish these numbers every week out of our gratitude for your financial giving. Thank you for your generosity towards our ministry and life together!

Actual income . . . . .	\$ 689,337
Actual expense . . . . .	\$ - 715,430
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ - 26,093</b>
<i>Per capita . . . . .</i>	<i>\$ 2,210</i>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Staff Schedules

Ken Kovacs is out of the office and will return this Tuesday, November 21. The church office will be closed on Thanksgiving and the following day.

## Fellowship Hour Sign Ups

Winter/Spring Fellowship Hour sign ups are open! You can sign up using the printed schedule located at the ramp entrance.

## Gifts for the McKim Center

All are invited to contribute gifts for the McKim Community Center Christmas party. Please place new, unwrapped gifts under the tree in the sanctuary from November 26 to December 10 or drop them by the church office. Craft kits, sports equipment, and board games are some suggested items. Thank you for helping make a child's holiday bright.

## New Members' Gathering

On Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the France Room, all who are interested in exploring membership are invited to gather for a Q&A session. Ken Kovacs, Dorothy Boulton, and Debbie Davis are eager to spend time in conversation and explore the membership process with you.

## Christmas at Sea

The Mission Committee asks for the congregation's support and participation in the Christmas at Sea project through the Baltimore International Seafarers' Center (BISC). Stop by our table in the Fellowship Hall any Sunday in November to get details, see a sample, donate online, and pick up a bag to fill. We'll assemble gift bags after worship on December 3 during the Advent gathering.

## Clothing Drive for Westside Men's Shelter

Deacons are collecting winter clothing for the Westside Men's Shelter, especially coats, hats, gloves, long underwear, and warm boots. Collection bins in the sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and on the Church House porch will be available for donations through January 31, 2024. There are three ways you can give:

1. Drop off items in the collection bins.
2. Make a financial gift through the online giving form by selecting "Westside Men's Shelter" from the available funds.
3. Make a check out to CPC and include "Westside Men's Shelter Clothing" in the memo line.



## EVENTS THIS WEEK

The most accurate and up-to-date calendar is available on our website at [catonsvillepres.org/events](http://catonsvillepres.org/events).

Day	Event	Location/time	Contact
<b>Today</b>	Adult Education	Library, 9:00 a.m.	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
	Worship	Sanctuary, 10:30 a.m.	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
	Mission Committee	France Room, after worship	John Dittman jndittman3@gmail.com
	Concerts at 3	Sanctuary, 3 p.m.	David Hutton dhutton1@verizon.net
<b>Mon.</b>	Contemplative Prayer	Zoom, 7 p.m.	Brenda Logue naylogue@aol.com
<b>Tues.</b>	Needlework Group	Zoom, 10:30 a.m.	Cindy Gunderson cinron.md@gmail.com
	Staff Meeting	Church House, 1 p.m.	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
	Passages Circle	7 p.m.	Laurie White thewhites@brickhouse112.com
<b>Sat.</b>	Grounds Cleanup	9:30-11:30 a.m.	Glenda Johnson gtassoc@verizon.net
<b>Next Sun.</b>	Worship	Sanctuary, 10:30 a.m.	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
	Middle and High School Youth Group	Fellowship Hall, 6:00-7:30 p.m.	Dorothy Boulton dboulton@catonsvillepres.org

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## 582


# Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
 B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F Gm F




1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
 2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
 F B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Gm7 C7




and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
 C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

## 643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice,  
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
 to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:

who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
 the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

## 37 Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing  
2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,



to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;  
the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,



by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.  
the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

*Harmony*

God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:  
with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales, this 20th-century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini* (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE



till shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban - ished,  
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing:



as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
 to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!