

# The Order of Worship

November 23, 2008

Minister Rev. James Adams  
Lay Leader Clark Allison  
Music/Worship Director Rebecca Haywood

Organist/Pianist Debbie Mink  
Nursery Phyllis Shepherd  
Secretary Vickie Ellis

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**Bold Print** indicates a congregational response \* Indicates to stand, if able

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## Gathering Before God

### Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

*(As you prepare for worship, please take this time to register your attendance with us today. If you are visiting today, please know that you are welcome and we would like to get to know you better. If you have any questions about our church, please speak to Rev. Adams after the service)*

#### \* Welcome and Call to Worship

How can we say “Thank You” to God?

**With our whole lives, we can have an attitude of gratitude.**

How can we show God’s love?

**We can be people of peace and service.**

How can we share what we have been given?

**We can be a blessing by the way we live our lives and use our resources. We can be people of thanksgiving! Come, Lord, be with us today! AMEN.**

\* Opening Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* No. 92

\* Opening Prayer Rev. Adams

\* Chorus of Praise *We Gather Together* No. 131 (vs.1)

\* A Time of Personal Greetings

## Hearing God's Word

Children’s Devotion Debbie Walker

*(Children will be dismissed for Children’s Church at this time)*

Chorus of Preparation *Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet (Chorus twice)*

Scripture Lesson Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Shirley Thomas

Gospel Lesson Luke 17:11-19

*(after the Scripture is read, the following response)*

Pastor This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music Clark & Phyllis Allison, Doug & Mary Herman

Today's Message “Thanks-living”

## Responding to God

\*Hymn of Response *Take My Life and Let It Be* No. 399

\* An Affirmation of Faith No. 885

Call to Prayer *Spirit Song* No. 347 (vs.1)

Silent Meditation - Pastoral Prayer – Lord’s Prayer

*At the beginning of the prayer time, as the accompanist plays, you are invited to come to the altar and pray—alone or with Rev. Adams. If you would like for Rev. Adams to pray with you, simply turn your palms up.*

Offertory *Time to Thank the Lord* Chancel Choir

\* Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

## Serving God in the World

\* Benediction and Sending Forth

\* Final Song

My friends may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

My friends may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

To God be the Glory now and forever, now and forever, Amen.

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

**Today:**

10:55 Morning Worship

4:00 Wesley Bells

6:00 Thanksgiving Service at Prestonsburg Church of God

**Monday, November 24**

7:00 Hanging of the Greens practice

Wednesday, November 26

6:00 College Connection Care

6:00 Children's Choir

7:00 Choir

**Thursday, November 27**

Thanksgiving Day – Office closed

**Friday, November 28**

Office closed

**Nursery Volunteer for Today, Nov. 23 – Susan Greene**

**Nursery Volunteer for Sunday, Nov. 30 – Robin Clark**

**Children's Church for Today, Nov. 23 – Amy Burchett**

**Children's Church for Sunday, Nov.30 – No Children's Church-Thanksgiving Holiday**

**Ushers for November – David Allen, Pete Greene, Marty Osborne**

**Greeters for Today, Nov. 23– Tate Greene & Gabe Walker**

**Greeters for Sunday, Nov. 30 –**

**Record of our Faithfulness: Sunday, Nov. 16 Morning Worship –94??, Sunday School-43.General Fund-\$6,190.00, needed weekly-\$4,798.00,General Fund Receipts as of 11/16/08- \$167,102.15; Budget as of 11/30/08-\$214,021.50 FLC Loan repayment-\$90.00, needed weekly-\$385.00,Thanksgiving offering - \$1,910.00 2007 Apportionments- \$10.00, amount to date- \$7189.00**

**God's Shepherds:** *At this most blessed time of the year we are asking for your help in providing Christmas for our children and mothers. Christ reminds us throughout His word to take care of his children. God has blessed us with this wonderful opportunity to do just that. With your help we can provide Christmas for our families who otherwise go without. Contact Julie Paxton, 886-6451 for more info.*

**The Hanging of the Greens** will be Sunday, November30 at 6:00 pm (Note earlier time). Please make plans to begin the wonderful season of Advent with this special service.

**The Sewing Circle** has pecans for sale again this year. The cost is \$8.00 per lb. Contact Phyllis Herrick or any member of the Sewing Circle.