

*Community Thanksgiving Worship*  
*Hapeville First Baptist Church*  
*November 22, 2005*

**Welcome** J. W. Wallis

**Prelude** "We Gather Together" Fisk  
*Kay McWatters*

**Call to Worship** "Worship with Gladness" Tom Howard

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Praise the Lord, O my soul. Let all that is within me praise God's holy name.

Leader: Today we come to give thanks to God.

People: We thank God that we may gather to worship without fear or intimidation.

Choir: *We thank God that fruit and grain have ripened to provide food for another day.*

People: We thank God that people have entered our lives and taught us to love, to hope, and to dream.

Leader: We thank God that we have strong minds and bodies to make our world more human.

People: We thank God that salvation is ours now and eternally.

Leader: We pray for those who suffer when creation breaks down, when people have no harvest, when there is no love.

Choir: *Be merciful, O God, to those who need mercy.*

People: Help us to be merciful, O God, as you are merciful.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.

**ALL:** This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Choral Call to Worship** "He Has Made Me Glad" Brehorst  
*Community Choir*

Hymn # 54 "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

Prayer Alan Hallman

Hymn # 233 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Community Offering Report J. W. Wallis

Hymn # 35 "How Great Thou Art" O STORE GUD

Dedication of Offerings Cecil Wallace

Offertory "Give Thanks" Smith  
*Thomas Sheets*

Choral Anthem "Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing!" arr. Greer  
*Community Choir*

Message "O Give Thanks" Rebecca Jones  
*Psalms 100*

Hymn # 33 "To God Be the Glory" TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Benediction J. W. Wallis

Postlude "Now Thank We All Our God" Karg-Elert  
*Kay McWatters*

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The offering tonight be donated to the **Hapeville Police Department** to support ministry to people in the city of Hapeville. **The Hapeville Police Department** offers help to people in the city referred to them from the local churches. Your offering tonight will touch the lives of many people in times of critical need during the holiday season and throughout the year.

Following the community worship service tonight, we will join together at Jess Lucas/Y-Teen Park for the annual Hapeville Holiday celebration, which will include lighting the decorations of the seasons and carolers. Following the celebration in the park, there will be refreshments and entertainment in the fellowship hall of the Hapeville United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to join us for this time of fellowship and celebration.

## Thanksgiving Day, 2005

A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America

Thanksgiving Day is a time to remember our many blessings and to celebrate the opportunities that freedom affords. Explorers and settlers arriving in this land often gave thanks for the extraordinary plenty they found. And today, we remain grateful to live in a country of liberty and abundance. We give thanks for the love of family and friends, and we ask God to continue to watch over America.

This Thanksgiving, we pray and express thanks for the men and women who work to keep America safe and secure. Members of our Armed Forces, State and local law enforcement, and first responders embody our Nation's highest ideals of courage and devotion to duty. Our country is grateful for their service and for the support and sacrifice of their families. We ask God's special blessings on those who have lost loved ones in the line of duty.

We also remember those affected by the destruction of natural disasters. Their tremendous determination to recover their lives exemplifies the American spirit, and we are grateful for those across our Nation who answered the cries of their neighbors in need and provided them with food, shelter, and a helping hand. We ask for continued strength and perseverance as we work to rebuild these communities and return hope to our citizens.

We give thanks to live in a country where freedom reigns, justice prevails, and hope prospers. We recognize that America is a better place when we answer the universal call to love a neighbor and help those in need. May God bless and guide the United States of America as we move forward.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 24, 2005, as a National Day of Thanksgiving. I encourage all Americans to gather together in their homes and places of worship with family, friends, and loved ones to reinforce the ties that bind us and give thanks for the freedoms and many blessings we enjoy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.

GEORGE W. BUSH

### Participants in the Worship Service:

Alan Hallman	Hapeville United Methodist Church
Tom Howard	Hapeville First Baptist Church
Rebecca Jones	Hapeville United Methodist Church
Kay McWatters	Hapeville First Baptist Church
Thomas Sheets	Hapeville United Methodist Church
Cecil Wallace	Hapeville First Baptist Church
J. W. Wallis	Hapeville First Baptist Church