

Community Thanksgiving Worship

November 20, 2007

Prelude "Now Thank We All Our God" Thiman
Kay McWatters

Welcome Bill Lacy

Call to Worship "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" arr. Young
Community Choir

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

Prayer Alan Hallman

Thanksgiving Medley "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" MARION
"Give Thanks" GIVE THANKS

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart: Rejoice, give thanks and sing.
Your festal banner wave on high—The cross of Christ, your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

*With all the angel choirs, With all the saints on earth,
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rapture, noblest mirth!
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

*Praise God who reigns on high, The Lord, whom we adore;
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost—One God forevermore.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his son.
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Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
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because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks!*

Choral Praise "Our Hymn of Grateful Praise" arr. Helman
HFBC Handbell Choir

Community Offering Report

Bill Lacy

Hymn # 231 "Count Your Blessings" BLESSINGS
Doxology "Praise God from LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Dedication of Offerings Ann Ray

Offertory "We Gather Together" Page
Kay McWatters

Choral Anthem "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come!" arr. Harlan
Community Choir

Message Rebecca Jones

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

Benediction Bill Lacy

Postlude "This Is My Father's World" Thallander
Kay McWatters

The offering tonight will be donated to **Family Life Ministries** in East Point to support ministry to people in the Tri-Cities area. **Family Life Ministries** offers help to people referred to them from 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 in Jess Lucas/Y-Teen Park for the annual Hapeville Holiday celebration and Mayoral Tree Lighting, which will include lighting the decorations of the seasons and carolers. Everyone is invited to join us for this time of fellowship and celebration.



Thanksgiving Day, 2007
A Proclamation by the
President of the United States of America

Americans are a grateful people, ever mindful of the many ways we have been blessed. On Thanksgiving Day, we lift our hearts in gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy, the people we love, and the gifts of our prosperous land.

Our country was founded by men and women who realized their dependence on God and were humbled by His providence and grace. The early explorers and settlers who arrived in this land gave thanks for God's protection and for the extraordinary natural abundance they found. Since the first National Day of Thanksgiving was proclaimed by President George Washington, Americans have come together to offer thanks for our many blessings. We recall the great privilege it is to live in a land where freedom is the right of every person and where all can pursue their dreams. We express our deep appreciation for the sacrifices of the honorable men and women in uniform who defend liberty. As they work to advance the cause of freedom, our Nation keeps these brave individuals and their families in our thoughts, and we pray for their safe return.

While Thanksgiving is a time to gather in a spirit of gratitude with family, friends, and neighbors, it is also an opportunity to serve others and to share our blessings with those in need. By answering the universal call to love a neighbor as we want to be loved ourselves, we make our Nation a more hopeful and caring place.

This Thanksgiving, may we reflect upon the past year with gratefulness and look toward the future with hope. Let us give thanks for all we have been given and ask God to continue to bless our families and our Nation.

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 22, 2007, 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 fifteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.

GEORGE W. BUSH

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