



# WELCOME!

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Our mission is to help people **Come** to know Jesus as Savior, **Grow** in a relationship with Him, and **Live** their lives for Him. God loves you and we pray that during the worship service you will be able to connect with Him through song, scripture, and the message.

**Sunday, November 19, 2023**

**Sermon Title: The Power of Thankfulness**

**Scripture: Philippians 4:5c-7, Colossians 2:6-7,  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

**Speaker: Pastor Kendall Harger**

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### **NURSERY**

AGES: newborn-2 years

Please sign-in your child at the  
nursery door and pick-up a pager.

### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

AGES: 3 years-2nd grade

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## **SPRING GREEN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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**The Power of Thankfulness**

Big Idea

My thankfulness is a barometer of my walk with God.

Philippians 4:5c-7, Colossians 2:6-7,  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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As I get closer to the Lord – following Him, growing deeper in Him, building my life on Him – my faith will grow strong and I will overflow with thankfulness.

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When I worry I'm saying, "God you are not near."

Giving thanks is an attitude of the heart which should always accompany our prayers.

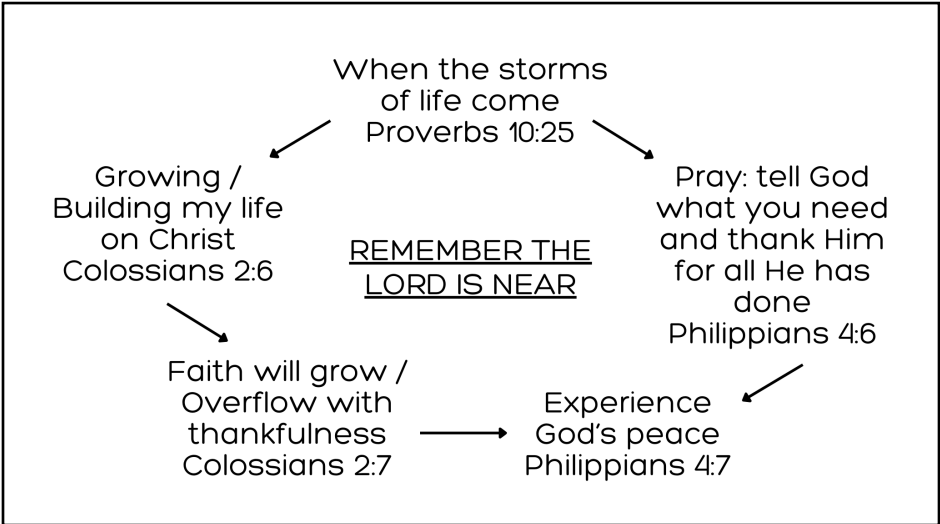
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## **Meaningful Ways to Celebrate Thanksgiving**

(in addition to eating a great meal together)

1. **Identify one quality that you admire about each person coming to your Thanksgiving meal:** Using decorative script, stickers, and drawings, create place cards illustrating these qualities. If possible, include children in this project.

2. **Tell your family's story:** Sometimes it is easier to see God's faithfulness when we look back over past circumstances and can see how they worked out for our good, even if we might not have seen it at the time. How has God been faithful to your family? Read Psalm 78:1-7 (in the Message) with your family. Then make a list of the ways that God has helped or protected your family:

- What is your family's heritage?
- Who was the first person in your family to become a Christian?
- Do you have a family member or ancestor who was miraculously preserved from an illness or accident?
- Has God protected your family during a natural disaster? Has God seemed to direct a family member into a volunteer or career position where they could see God blessing their work?
- Has He seemed to give a member of your family favor when they were doing something hard, or there were circumstances they could not control?
- When did God bless your family with the home that you live in?
- What events have caused your family to rejoice and thank God for His goodness or His protection?

3. **Turn your mourning into thanksgiving:** Psalm 30 is a psalm of thanksgiving. The last two verses say, "you have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy, that I might sing praises to you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever!" (Psalm 30:11-12) Read Psalm 30. David and God went through some hard times together, but God was still faithful to David and did not abandon Him. On the left side of a piece of paper, make a list of some hard or disappointing things that have happened to your family over the past year.

- What can you see to be thankful for in those hard or disappointing times?
- How can God turn your mourning into dancing?
- On the right side of the piece of paper, write the things you have found to be thankful for.