

Thanksgiving Eve

November 25, 2009

SERVING TODAY

5:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II and Sermon

Prelude:

Processional *Hymn: 290 Come, ye thankful people, come*

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Gloria S 280 BCP p. 356

The Collect of the Day:

All mighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson: Joel 2:21-27

Psalm 126 BCP p. 672

The Epistle: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Sequence Hymn: 716 *God bless our native land*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:25-33

The Homily The Very Rev. Michael E. Snider, II

A Litany of Thanksgiving BCP p. 837

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* Broughton

Presentation of Gifts 365 vs. 4

The Great Thanksgiving C BCP p. 369

Sanctus S 129

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem S 152

Communion – All baptized persons are welcome

Communion Hymns: 301, 433, 339

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: 397 *Now thank we all our God*

Dismissal – Response "Thanks be to God"

Celebrant: The Very Rev. Michael E. Snider, II

Chalicer/Lector/Epistoler: Don Williams

Chalicer/Acolyte: Becky Beckett

Altar Guild Mrs. Mary Ellen McCue Mrs. Peggy Foster

Mrs. Kim Farmer Mrs. Bea Paine

We welcome all guests to Christ Church in the Name of Lord Jesus Christ. Please worship with us again!

The **Altar Flowers** which grace the altar this evening are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of **C. M. Hunter, Sr., Charlotte Gillespie, and Sloane McGraw** by **Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hunter.**

COMMUNION: All baptized Christians are welcome and encouraged to receive communion. After the choir has received communion, the congregation will come forward to the altar rail. Those at the altar rail *please wait* until everyone has received bread and wine before returning to their pew.

Our **CHRISMON TREE** will be decorated this Saturday - beginning at 10 a.m. Please join in and begin our **HOLIDAY TRADITION!** If you have Holiday Company – bring them too!

"Lessons and Carols" Concert at CEC this coming Sunday at 3 p.m.

CHRISTMAS NEWS: Christ Church will again give gifts to 3 Union Mission Families at Christmas – consisting of gift card from Food City, financial help with AEP bill, and gifts for the children. Donations are now being accepted. **Make checks payable to CEC and please designate FOR: Union Mission Families.** Checks may be given to Louisa Sowers or dropped off at office. **Deadline is December 17th.**

The **Episcopal Churchwomen** will have their annual **Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 9 at 12 noon - Guest Speaker, Lori Osborne, Director of HEP.** Sign-up sheet located in Narthex for luncheon & cookies for shut-ins. Bring cookies to church by 11:00 a.m. Call Louisa Sowers if you have any questions.

Please pick up your copy of Advent Calendar on Narthex Table

*For all that has been – Thanks!
For all that shall be – Yes!
Daj Hammarskuold (1905-1961)*

*Thou has given so much to me,
Give one thing more – a grateful heart!
George Herbert (1593-1633)*

We thank you and praise you. Lord, open our eyes to all your gifts: family, friends, home and possessions, talents, youth and age, health, laughter and love. As we gather your harvest, help us to share all that we have with others and with you. We pray that we use the gifts you give us to your glory. We thank you for our daily bread and for our Bread of Life, your Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen*

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Your people bring you thanksgiving gifts this harvest day, Creator Lord: produce of farm and field, garden and orchard. Stand guard over our worship, eternal God, lest we who come with full hands, leave with empty hearts. Let your creative power, self-evident in harvest plenty, also newly create our faith in Christ to yield a harvest which is eternal. Amen.