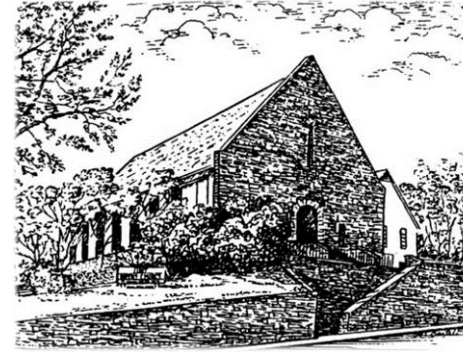


PARTICIPATING IN THIS AFTERNOON'S SERVICE:

The Reverend Stephen Abe, Mill Creek Church of the Brethren
Mr. George Alley, Thermal Belt Outreach Ministries
The Reverend Doctor Bob Barrows, The Congregational Church (UCC)
The Reverend Lesley Bush, Tryon Presbyterian Church
The Reverend Doctor Dent Davis, Tryon Presbyterian Church
The Reverend Doctor Charles Drawdy, Tryon Presbyterian Church
Ms. Kay Greene, pianist, First Baptist Church of Tryon
The Reverend Doctor Jeff Harris, First Baptist Church of Tryon
The Reverend Phil Hurst, Tryon United Methodist Church
Mr. Richard Kennedy, Tryon Presbyterian Church
Mrs. Leslie Raymond, organist, First Baptist Church of Tryon
The Reverend Lance Smith, The Congregational Church (UCC)
The Reverend Candace Wilson, First Baptist Church of Tryon



First Baptist Church

November 22, 2015

Four O'Clock in the Afternoon
Community Thanksgiving Service

The Worship of God

Time of Prelude		Kay Greene
Processional	<i>Come, Ye Thankful People, Come</i> (Lesley Bush, piano; Leslie Raymond, organ)	-Elvey/Ham
Call to Worship		Jeff Harris
	The Lord speaks and nature springs to life. We give thanks, Lord, for your gift of beauty. The Lord speaks and prophets denounce injustice. We give thanks, Lord, for your gift of conscience. The Lord speaks and people perform acts of grace. We give thanks, Lord, for your gift of neighbors. Let us thank God for all creatures here below. Let us thank God from whom all blessings flow.	
Invocation		Stephen Abe
† Hymn of Praise, 637	<i>Come, Ye Thankful People, Come</i>	ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
† Welcome		Jeff Harris
	The Lord be with you. And also with you.	

Litany of Thanks

Give thanks to the Lord, whose goodness never fails.

God’s love is everlasting.

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

Let us come before God with thanksgiving.

For the good world;

for things great and small, beautiful and awesome;

for seen and unseen splendors;

We give thanks, Lord.

For human life;

for talking and moving and thinking together;

for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;

We give thanks, Lord.

For work to do and strength to work;

for the common bonds of labor;

for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;

We give thanks, Lord.

For the laughter of children,

for the challenges of growing up and growing old;

for wisdom deepened by experience;

and for time made precious by its passing;

We give thanks, Lord.

For the Church;

for Your church around the world and for those gathered here;

for all our memories of the gathered community;

for the grace that has made us strong

and the hope that calls us into the future;

for all that binds us one to another;

We give thanks, Lord.

For Your Holy Spirit,

who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love;

who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship;

We give thanks, Lord.

Above all, O God, for Your Son Jesus Christ,

who lived and died and lives again for us;

for our abiding hope in him;

and for the joy of following and serving him;

We thank and praise You, Eternal God,

for all Your goodness to us.

Dent Davis

Give thanks to the Lord, whose goodness never fails;

God’s love is everlasting.

Choral Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

-John Rutter

(Combined Church Choirs; Lesley Bush, piano; Candace Wilson, Director)

Prayers of the People

Lance Smith

†Hymn of Dedication, 44

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Offertory Prayer

George Alley

Offertory and Meditation

Ode to Thanksgiving

-Ludwig Van Beethoven

†Doxology 253

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD 100th

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:31-40

Phil Hurst

Scripture Reading

Psalms 82

Richard Kennedy, Cantor

Sermon

“Thanks”

Bob Barrows

†Hymn of Response, 638

Now Thank We All Our God

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†Benediction

Charles Drawdy

Postlude

Voluntary on “Kremser”

-Gordon Young

†The congregation is invited to stand.

This afternoon’s offering goes to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministries.