Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1789

By the PRESIDENT
of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor-and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be- That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks-for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation-for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war-for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed-for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted-for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also, that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions-to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually-to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed-to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord-To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us-and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-nine

–George Washington

Craig Lile - Pastor • **Larry Shields** - Associate Pastor of Administration/Senior Adults • **Caleb Parrish** - Minister of Youth
Brett Storseth - Minister of Discipleship • **David Mace** - Minister of Blended Worship • **Adam Turnbo** - Minister of Contemporary Worship/ Evangelism
John Tunnell - Interim College Minister • **Mandy Ratliff** - Preschool/Children's Director • **Justin Green** - Media and Tech Coordinator

EXPERIENCE FAITH

Encounter God
MATTHEW 18:20

Experience God Together
MATTHEW 22:37-40

Empty Self
PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

November 22, 2026



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OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPERIENCE E^3 FAITH

Welcome to each of our guests! Thank you so much for coming. We hope you are blessed today and will come again very soon. It would help us greatly if you will complete the tear-off section of this bulletin and turn it in after the service at the E^3 Central desk in the main foyer or in the offering stands at the exit doors. We have a gift at E^3 Central for each first-time guest and will follow up with you by telephone.

We will observe baptism videos in both services and baptisms in the late service as new believers give public testimony of their conversion to a personal faith in Jesus Christ.

The quarterly book of reports is available to church members at the **E^3 Central** desk in the Worship Center foyer. Our church conference was last Sunday.

2027 Proposed Budget

Next year's proposed church budget is slightly lower than our 2026 budget. It was presented and discussed last Sunday during a church conference and a church vote on the budget (without discussion) will be taken today in both worship services.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed following the 11:00 a.m. service to remove Christmas decorations from storage to their designated locations.

Ministry Tree



Our annual Ministry Tree event is Sunday, December 6. The tree will be located to the left of the platform. You will be given the opportunity during both services to participate in this mission event. Please select one or more of the following ways to be involved:

① Choose one or more cards from the tree. Each card has different supplies needed for Patsy's House Child Advocacy Center. This is a non-profit that provides emergency resources to CPS caseworkers for at-risk children.

② Select an envelope from a tree. This will allow you to give a financial gift to help support Christ Counseling Ministry in Wichita Falls.

③ Choose a gift bag from under the tree. This bag contains a name and a gift from Faith Baptist for a homebound member who would enjoy a visit from you.

All supplies, financial gifts and visit reports must be returned by December 14 to the back of the Worship Center. Tables will be set up to put the supplies on and a basket will be available to place the financial gifts and visit reports in. If necessary, we will accept late donations in the Church Office through December 17. All donations will be delivered December 18.

E^3 Central is located in the Rhea Road foyer outside the Worship Center. It is the place to go for information about preschool, children's, youth and adult activities and all things in church life.

Faith Fellowship Supper

There will be no Faith Family Fellowship meal or other events in the building Wednesday night due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The church offices will be closed Thursday and Friday.

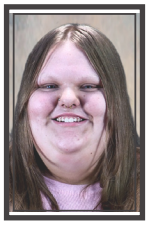
Baptized November 15



Bella Dehoyos



Ethan Gallet



Sasha Stephens



Zoe Stephens



Kendyl Thomas

Deacon Nominations

Deacon nominations are currently being received through Monday, December 7. Nomination forms with all details of the process are on the side communion tables and a box to receive your nominations is at the E3 Central desk in the Worship Center foyer.

Thank You

Thank you to each person who shared testimony last Sunday. We give our God all the praise.

Abide Women's Ministry

Please join us for a day to Empty Self at the Women's Faith Refuge December 4. We will provide worship music, a message, and food for the ladies. Meet there at 5:00 to cook and prepare food or meet there by 5:45 to worship and eat alongside the ladies. The invitation is for women only - but for all women! Scan this QR code to register for this service opportunity.

Details on how you can be involved with our Christmas Caroling event in December are coming soon.

To assist in contributing to our church as God leads you:

Experience God Together with Us

8:15 - 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship in the Worship Center
9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Small Group Sunday School classes for all ages
11:00 - 12:15 p.m. Contemporary Worship in the Worship Center

Parent Room is available to assist parents with restless children and is to your right as you sit in the Worship Center. Sound, windows into the Worship Center, and subdued lighting are available.

Craig Lile, Pastor November 22, 2026

"Light of the World" . . . A Study of the Gospel of John

The Lord's Greatest Prayer (Part 4)

John 17:20-26 Pew Bible – Page 590

Central Truth of Verses 20-26: Jesus prays for all believers (you and me today) that we would be separate from the world and unified with God and believers in three crucial ways.

Jesus Prays for Our Spiritual Unity Verses 21-23

Jesus prays for our unity three times in these verses:

1. Our unity through _____ (Verses 20b-21)

When the Holy Spirit applies the accepted and believed Word of God by faith to the heart, salvation unites believers together and disunites us from the world.

2. Our unity in _____ (Verse 22)

God is love. Jesus is love. By loving one another in unity we express and manifest the glory of the Father and His Son.

3. Our unity by His _____ (Verse 23)

God appeared to Moses on Mount Sinai and He dwelt among His people in the Tabernacle and, later, in the Temple. Jesus had been God's presence and glory for His followers. Now the glory of God would pass to believers through His indwelling Spirit.

During the Church Age there is no distinction between Jews and Gentiles. We are one _____ under Christ the Shepherd.

Jesus prays as though future events have already happened.

Just as the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit are one in essence, believers are _____ one in mind, effort, and purpose.

Unity:

- is not _____ (I Corinthians 12).
- does not require being unanimous in all things.
- does not prioritize _____.

Jesus Prays for Our Eternal Destiny Verse 24

Jesus wants believers to constantly be with Him, experiencing the glory that He laid aside (Empty Self) at His Incarnation and adopting the same _____ (Philippians 2:5-7).

Jesus Prays for Our Mutual Love Verses 25-26

The Father is right (righteous). The world is in the wrong and does not know Him. Jesus has known, glorified, and revealed the Father. All believers should strive to _____!

Jesus made His and the Father's love for the world known by _____ for the world's sin. The Father made His love for Jesus known by _____ Him to glory.

Though they would experience opposition and hostility from the world, Jesus prayed believers would also experience the Father's love for Him in us and His very presence in our lives.

Our Response

1. Look around this room. Do you feel a unity, bond, and love for believers here that surpasses your relationships with the lost and this world?

2. How would your testimony communicate how you have increasingly become more like Jesus and less like the world around you?

3. How are you experiencing the opposition, rejection, or hostility of those who reject Jesus? How can you experience more of the love God had for Jesus in your life and the presence of Jesus Himself with you?

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