Sermon Outline
"Grateful, Not Hateful
Acts 4:23–30; Romans 1:21

Intro: The Reality of Adversity: The disciples faced unfair trials, but chose prayer over bitterness.

The Shift Principle: Thinking precedes thanking.
Four Intentional Shifts of Perspective:

- Shift Our Focus to the Greatness of God: Moving from ignoring His presence to adoring His sovereignty (Romans 1:21).
- Shift Our Focus to the Reality of Ourselves: Trading self-reliance and pretense for humble honesty.
- Shift Our Focus to Our Common Privileges: Recognizing that every good gift flows from His hand, not random luck.
- Shift Our Focus to Our Privileges in Christ: Resting secure in the profound grace of the Gospel.

The Response: Why are we ungrateful?

The Flip: The First Thanksgiving wasn't called Thanksgiving, but their attitude was gratitude.

Cultivating gratitude as a deliberate fruit of the Spirit rather than letting life's weeds choke out our praise.

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Welcome

November 22, 2026 - 9:00am

Welcome and Announcements - Nan Good

Time of Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship - Nan Good

Here in this house of worship today, we invite God to be fully present everywhere we look. May we be attentive to His Word and to His Holy Spirit, alert to one each other, to the oldest and youngest among us. May we leave here today awake to the needs of our world. Let us now worship God!

Song: #234 Crown Him With Many Crowns

Litany of Thanksgiving

Choir: We Thank You Lord

Scripture: Acts 4:23–30; Romans 1:21 -Chuck Roberts

Sermon: “Grateful, Not Hateful”

Song: Hymn #560 For The Beauty of the Earth

Prayers of the People - Jeana Valdivieso

Offering and Doxology

Song: Great Are You Lord

Call To Discipleship

Blessing

As the risen Christ has made himself known to you, so set your faith and hope on God, fulfill your vows and live in genuine mutual love. Go now as witnesses of God’s eternal presence, Amen.

On Nov. 29th, the 1st week of Advent, we will be celebrating in worship the “Hanging of the Greens”. Please plan to join us in worship that Sunday as we decorate the sanctuary together.

Our Go ' N Serve team is getting ready to go serve in Puerto Rico this summer! Please be praying for our team, the people we will serve with and alongside, and our travels.

Our team of 31 participants is :

Students: Aaron Hernandez, Annalyce Harris, Caleb Johnson, Campbell Adolph, Cooper Holmgren, Elizabeth Rowley, Emma Svela, Giselle Hernandez, Gracee Holmgren, Grayson Campbell, Ivan Xelhua, Josie Slattengren, Kayl True, Megan Johnson, Nolan Johnson, Quinn Miller, Reed Rowley, Rylie Thomas, Schekina Gati, Sydney Burke, and Taylor Burke

Chaperones: Jared Burke, Julia Harris, Kara Burke, Lori Hughey, Mark Hughey, Matt Svela, Mike Koolidge, Sara Slattengren, Tarah Holmgren and Toni Rowley

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Please join us in prayer.

A group meets in the prayer room to lift our church in prayer as we go through this time of transition. We are asking God for His will, His way and His almighty favor. Stop in to hold our church in prayer.

Sundays: 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. & Wednesdays 11:00 a.m.

Jeremiah 29:12 You will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you

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Anyone who is interested in recent Session minutes is welcome to view them in a binder in the office.

NEW LIFE LIBRARY

MORE NEW BOOKS: Purchased and Donated (Thanks to Donors)

Fiction:
Christmas Books – see Christmas Shelf with red bell
Theo of Golden: Recommended
The Altar of Pergamon – Another Jonathan Cahn book (but fiction)
Another series by a newer author, Urcella Teixeira – Angus Reed Mysteries
Another new author, Sean Lyon – Unsung Psalms and Worn Sandals

Christian Living:
Authentic Worship by A.W. Tozer: Recommended
Women of the Bible, Carol Smith
The Battle Plan for Prayer, Stephen Kendrick
Angels Are For Real, Judith MacNutt
Church History for Everyone, Kevin DeYoung – (A recent review on)

Plenty of books to enjoy. Some of our new books have even had people waiting to read! Newer books on end shelving as you come in. Christmas books on shelf with red bell.

ALSO: More of Joanne Mayes' books on the Free Table

Judy Schermerhorn of the Library Committee

CHURCH *calendar*

SUNDAY, November 22
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Adult Ed, Sunday School
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group
6:00 p.m. Chunko Small Group
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

MONDAY, November 23
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

WEDNESDAY, November 25
11:00 a.m. Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

THURSDAY, November 26
CLOSED for HOLIDAY

FRIDAY, November 27
Office Closed for Holiday
2:00 p.m. Craft Show Set Up

SATURDAY, November 28
9:00 a.m. Christmas Craft Show
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, November 29
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Adult Ed, Sunday School
5:30 p.m. Mission Trip Meeting
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group
6:00 p.m. Chunko Small Group
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thanks to our Faith commission for a fun Harvest Gathering on Saturday the 14th.

And thanks to Mike Chunko for taking photos and making them into fun images!







We have Sunday School classes for all ages!
After Serivce until 10:45/11:00

Pre-K - 2nd Grade : Children's Classroom
3-5th Grade : Small Group Classroom
Middle & High School : "Red Couch" Room
Adult Ed : Adult Ed Classroom