Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 25, 2026

FIRST READING *Deuteronomy 8:1–10*
(The Lord pledges His past faithfulness will carry His people into their future.)

1"The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you
may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers.
2And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in
the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether
you would keep his commandments or not. 3And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you
with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know
that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of
the Lord. 4Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years.
5Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. 6So
you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing
him. 7For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains
and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, 8a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees
and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 9a land in which you will eat bread without
scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you
can dig copper. 10And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good
land he has given you."

EPISTLE LESSON *Philippians 4:6–20*
(With Christian contentment, Paul makes known His reliance on the Lord's grace.)

6Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7And the peace of God, which surpasses all
understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is
pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything
worthy of praise, think about these things. 9What you have learned and received and heard and
seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

10I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me.
You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. 11Not that I am speaking of being
in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 12I know how to be brought
low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing
plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

14Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. 15And you Philippians yourselves know that in
the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in
giving and receiving, except you only. 16Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once
and again. 17Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. 18I have
received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts
you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. 19And my God will supply
every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20To our God and Father be
glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 17:11–19*
(A Samaritan leper responds to Christ's miraculous mercy with thanksgiving.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

11On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. 12And as he
entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance 13and lifted up their voices,
saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." 14When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show
yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. 15Then one of them, when he saw
that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; 16and he fell on his face at Jesus'
feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. 17Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed?
Where are the nine? 18Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"
19And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.