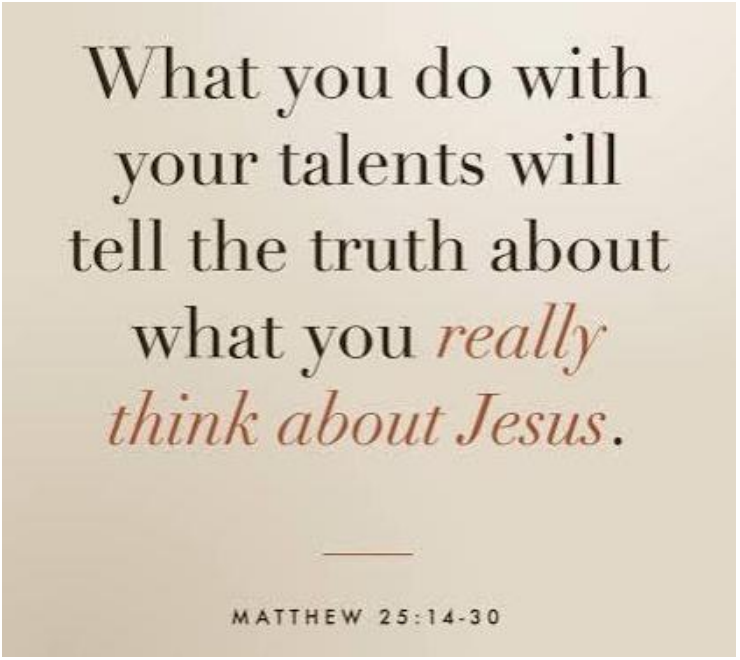
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ



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"Sharing the light, faith and love of Jesus with all people."
November 15, 2026

8:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary and Live Stream

Welcome to the New Goshenhoppen Church

Actor Charlie Hunnam has recently begun a transition to writing. About to turn 40, he had reached a place in life for some evaluation. Hunnam knew he would be out of work for a while due to COVID-19. And in his heart, there were stories that he had been carrying around. He shares, "They had been sort of given to me like gifts. And I wasn't honoring the gifts."

As he started the process of honoring these gifts, Hunnam found new energy. He started to get up around 4:00 a.m. daily to go on a short hike. He would be back home, showered, and ate breakfast by 6:00 a.m. Then he would sit down to write until 7:00 p.m. That's 13 hours! He explains the sensation this way:

I just started to get this really "now" feeling of life. Like there's nothing else in the world that would be better for me than what I'm doing right now. And the result of it was more positive than anything I've ever done in my career. … And I've worked really, really hard to cultivate this gift and be proud of the work that I'm able to do now. But part of me feels like it's an uphill struggle.

But when I write, I feel as though I'm honoring the innate gifts that God gave me. I feel like I really can do this stuff at a high level. And that's a feeling that I've never had in my life before, in any regards. I feel like we all have one or two innate talents, and a task of life is to identify those and then do that as much as you possibly can. Because that's where the joy and the presence is going to come from. That's where the grace is going to come from.

We Praise and Confess

The * invites you to rise in body or spirit.

Prelude

Chiming of the Trinity

Invitation to Worship --- from Psalm 67:4-6

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

Let all the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.

Let all the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

*Hymn of Praise: No. 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name – Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Loving God,

you are generous in the many ways you have gifted us. We have so many blessings to be grateful for. Yet we are often motivated by fear, rather than our trust in you. We hold onto what we have, afraid we will never have enough. We become focused on protection rather than your call to welcome and love others. We see our blessings as our own, rather than seeing your care in each gift. Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and restore us to your vision for the world we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Word of Pardon

Hear the Good News! Although we have sinned, in Jesus Christ we are graciously forgiven. Be at peace. **Amen.**

Invitation to Praise

O Lord, open our lips;
and our mouth shall declare your praise.

*Praise: No. 647 ***Give Thanks!***

We Hear and Respond

From the Prophets Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'
13 Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them."

14 The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.
15 A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
17 I will bring distress on mankind,
so that they shall walk like the blind,
because they have sinned against the LORD;
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
shall be able to deliver them
on the day of the wrath of the LORD.
In the fire of his jealousy,
all the earth shall be consumed;
for a full and sudden end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

From a Letter of the Apostle Paul 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a

pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Hymn: No. 716
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending – Beach Spring

*Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ St. Matthew 25:14-30

Hear the Gospel of Christ.
Glory to Christ our Savior.

14 "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants[3] and entrusted to them his property. 15 To one he gave five talents,[4] to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have

made five talents more.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good
and faithful servant.[5] You have been faithful over a little; I will set
you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And he also who
had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to
me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' 23 His master
said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been
faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of
your master.' 24 He also who had received the one talent came
forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping
where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed,
25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here,
you have what is yours.' 26 But his master answered him, 'You wicked
and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown
and gather where I scattered no seed? 27 Then you ought to have
invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should
have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent
from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to
everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an
abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be
taken away. 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness.
In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

Proclamation of God's Word Dr. Williams – "PD"

Using Your Gift

*Affirmation of Faith **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Morning Prayer
Our Savior's Prayer [using **debts** and **debtors**]

Welcome and Announcements

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings
Give via PayPal, a Credit Card, or Debit Card by scanning the QR code with your camera

Offertory

*The Doxology: No. 606 ***Praise God!***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanks

*Hymn of Dismissal: No. 662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies - Ratisbon

We go. . .
To share the light, faith and love of Jesus with all people!

*Dismissal and Blessing

*Going Forth

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Thank you to our Service Participants

8:00 a.m.	Narthex: Lois Anastas Roberts' Church Office: Stacie Miller Elevator: Gene Basara Upper Narthex: Bruce Adam Liturgist/Acolyte: Alex Anastas
10:30 a.m.	Narthex: Thomas Bancroft Roberts' Church Office: Theodore Kutt Elevator: Amy Hangey Upper Narthex: Cindy Roma Liturgist/Acolyte: Steve Lentz

NOVEMBER 15, 2026

The People of New Goshenhoppen, Ministers
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WELCOME *VISITORS* ~ we're glad you are joining us for worship! Please sign the visitor card located in the pew rack and drop in the offering plate.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CHALLENGE: At the Annual Meeting Pastor Dave offered a challenge to complete the pay-off for the Capital Campaign. He has this past week placed in the Church Office a check for $100.00 and challenges 50 households of New Goshenhoppen to join him in this endeavor which will retire all indebtedness to the Meadows Fund for previous projects undertaken by the congregation. You may simply mark your check Capital Campaign and note it on your envelope or send to the Church Office. As we enter our 300th Anniversary Celebration, we will be debt free for the first time in 15 years! Praise the Lord!

2027 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pickup. They are arranged alphabetically and are located on the upper level near the elevator.

BLESSING BOX: Please keep the Blessing Box in your thoughts when you go to the grocery store. One item might be a blessing to a person in need. You can place the item in the Box at your convenience.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP'S MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS: Open Link appreciates our yearly contributions of Christmas gift wrap such as wrapping paper, gift tags, tissue paper, bows, and tape. Please place your items in the container in the Social Room.

APPLE DUMPLING ORDERS may be paid for and picked up TODAY in the Social Room after each service. An OMC member will receive your cash or check made payable to "New Goshenhoppen OMC." Thank you!

REFORMATION SISTERS' THANKSGIVING WORSHIP AND FEAST – NOVEMBER 22: The Reformation Sister Congregations will gather for our annual Community Thanksgiving Service and Feast on **Sunday, November 22 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Green Lane beginning at 4:00 p.m.** This year, The Rev'd Paula Lebo, Assistant to the Bishop of the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA, will be the guest preacher. Moyer's of Boyertown will cater the meal. We are asked to bring desserts. A sign-up sheet will be on the Social Room bulletin board. The meal is free! Bring your friends and family to worship and to the feast!

THE GIVING TREE: Help share the joy of the Christmas season by adding to the Giving Tree. All the items on the tree will be given to Open Link and donated to needy families in our area.

The suggested gifts are:

- Stocking stuffers
- New toys
- Hats, gloves, and scarves for teens
- Gifts for preteens and teens (10 years and older)
- Movie passes for Grand Theater
- Gift cards to local stores and restaurants
- Gift cards for Weis, Walmart, etc.

The Giving Tree is located in the Social Room from November 1 to December 1. If you are donating a gift certificate, gift card, or a pass, please fill out a "gift placeholder" and place on the Giving Tree. The "gift placeholder" can be found in a box near the Giving Tree or in the Church Office. The actual certificate can be handed into the Church Office or given to any Women's Fellowship officer--Sandy Hardy, Amy Treichler, or Delores Schuler.

WILL YOU PRAY? The Prayer Vigil is fast approaching, and so many need to be uplifted in prayer. Can you spare some time to help with this much needed ministry on Saturday, November 28th between the hours of 12 noon and 10:00 p.m.? The sign-up sheet is in the lower narthex. You can pick up the devotional booklet ("25 Days of Advent" by Kenneth Boa) when you sign up. If you would prefer to pray at home, please call the Church Office, and we will make sure you get the information you need. Any questions can be directed to the Friendship Committee members.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

The church is grateful for financial gifts received in the name of loved ones and friends.

GENERAL FUND

In loving memory of the birthday anniversary of our dear father, Charles H. Kulp
by the children and their families

CHANCEL FUND

In loving memory of the birthday anniversary of mother, Pauline Schuler
by Gary & Sandy Schuler

CEMETERY FUND

In loving memory of mother, Pauline Schuler
by David Schuler

THE ADVENT WORKSHOP is Sunday, November 29, 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The advent committee has samples of the crafts on display in the Social Room. We have crafts for all ages! We welcome back Bev Kalb to lead 2 small canvas painting sessions. Each craft station will have a leader to guide you through the steps to create your project. *Today is the last day to sign-up.* We do ask that you denote the recommended age listed for specific crafts. Parents are asked to stay and help your little one if needed. This event is free; all are welcome. Snacks will be provided and available during a short break between sessions. We look forward to seeing you there! Should you have questions, please reach out to Denise Fox, Lori Horning or Sheri Ackerman.

TREE LIGHTING: On Sunday, November 29 beginning at 3:15 p.m., the Youth Group will be presenting **New Goshenhoppen's Fourth Annual Christmas Tree Lighting** event! Please join us for carols and the reading of the Christmas story.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER & CONCERT at Camp Men-O-Lan, 1415 Doerr Road, Quakertown on December 8, 2026. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by an evening of music featuring singers from Lehigh University Choral Arts. Cost $20 per person or $140 for a table of 8. Please RSVP by November 30th to Delores Schuler at 610-395-1507. We can carpool from New Goshenhoppen Church. Join us for an evening of fellowship!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone that came out to clean up the trail and plant 7 native trees on the Church campus. The trail will be easier to walk and enjoy and the trees will continue to beautify our landscape.

~ Land Use Committee

HANDBELL PLAYERS NEEDED: We are thankful for Peter Hemperly who has graciously offered to direct the handbells for this Advent/Christmas Season. We are now looking for "Ding-A-Lings" to play our beautiful Schulmerich Handbells. Rehearsal time to be based on availability of ringers. Please speak with Peter if you would be willing to play.

JUST A REMINDER THAT WE ARE STILL COLLECTING CALENDARS FOR MEN AT PHOENIX PRISON. Collection boxes are in the Social Room and in the vestibule at the Fellowship Hall entrance.

YOUTH GROUP OUTREACH-WE NEED YOUR HELP! The Youth Group is partnering with "A Women's Place", a domestic violence support organization. They will be collecting after school snack items for use in their safe houses for the children affected in this way. Please look for boxes in the Social Room and Fellowship Hall for your donations.

BULLETINS are presented in loving memory of parents, Betty & Frederick Schlicher and brother, Jonathan by Peggy, David, Erich, Gretchen and families.

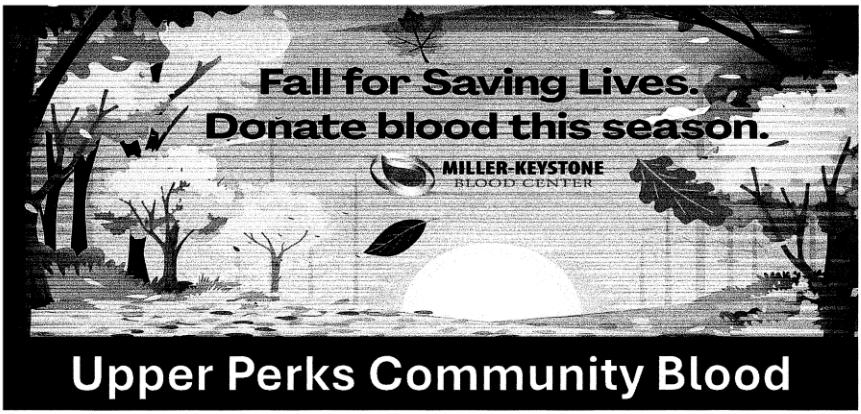
ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in loving memory of parents, H. Morris & Ilah Fisher by Conrad Fisher & Gail Fisher Dill and families.

ATTENDANCE: 11/8/26 – 10:30 a.m. 87; Livestream 45; Sunday School 36.

OPERATING INCOME 11/8/26: Current & Benevolences including EFT $5,270; Building, Improvement & Maintenance including EFT $202; Brass Buckets $727.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	$527,643.76
less transfers from investments	$39,446.00
Net	$488,197.76
Year to Date Expenses	$520,309.49
Special Income	$1,264.00
Special Projects Expenses	$24,090.34
Capital Campaign Income	$11,725.00
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	$23,200.00



Goshenhoppen UCC

1070 Church Road, East Greenville, PA

Wednesday, November 25th

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Each Donor will get a FREE MKBC T-Shirt!

To schedule your appointment please follow the link below or Scan QR Code or call MKBC at 1-800-223-6667 #2

https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/91174

APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

All donors must present valid ID with:

- First & Last Name
- Photo and/or Signature

Veterans, ask your coordinator about our complimentary MKBC Military Challenge Coin.

POINSETTIA ORDERS AND MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

How lovely the chancel and apse look when adorned with red poinsettia plants announcing the birth of our Lord and Savior. Orders are now being taken at a cost of **$11.00 per plant**. Kindly, only one plant per order form. Also, the money for each poinsettia order needs to accompany the order form. You may give the order forms/money to the Church Office (215-679-2041). **The deadline for ordering poinsettia plants is MONDAY, December 7.** *(The florist requires our order by December 8, so no add-ons will be accepted.)* **Anyone making memorial contributions to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin needs to do so by SUNDAY, December 13.** Please indicate on your check or on a piece of paper if you wish for your memorial contribution to be printed in the CHRISTMAS EVE BULLETIN; otherwise, it will be placed in the Sunday weekly worship bulletin.

In lieu of poinsettia plants, donations may be made toward supporting Open Link and Helping Hands, two local mission projects. Thank you for your support of these outreach endeavors and also for the beautification of New Goshenhoppen Church at this special time of the year.

NOTE: Poinsettia plants may be removed after the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service OR picked up on Christmas Day (between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Enter through the Main entrance--nearest the elevators--and pick up poinsettia plants in the Sanctuary).

PLEASE, ONLY ONE PLANT PER ORDER FORM

Your Name_____Phone Number_____

Plant ( ) Mission Project ( )

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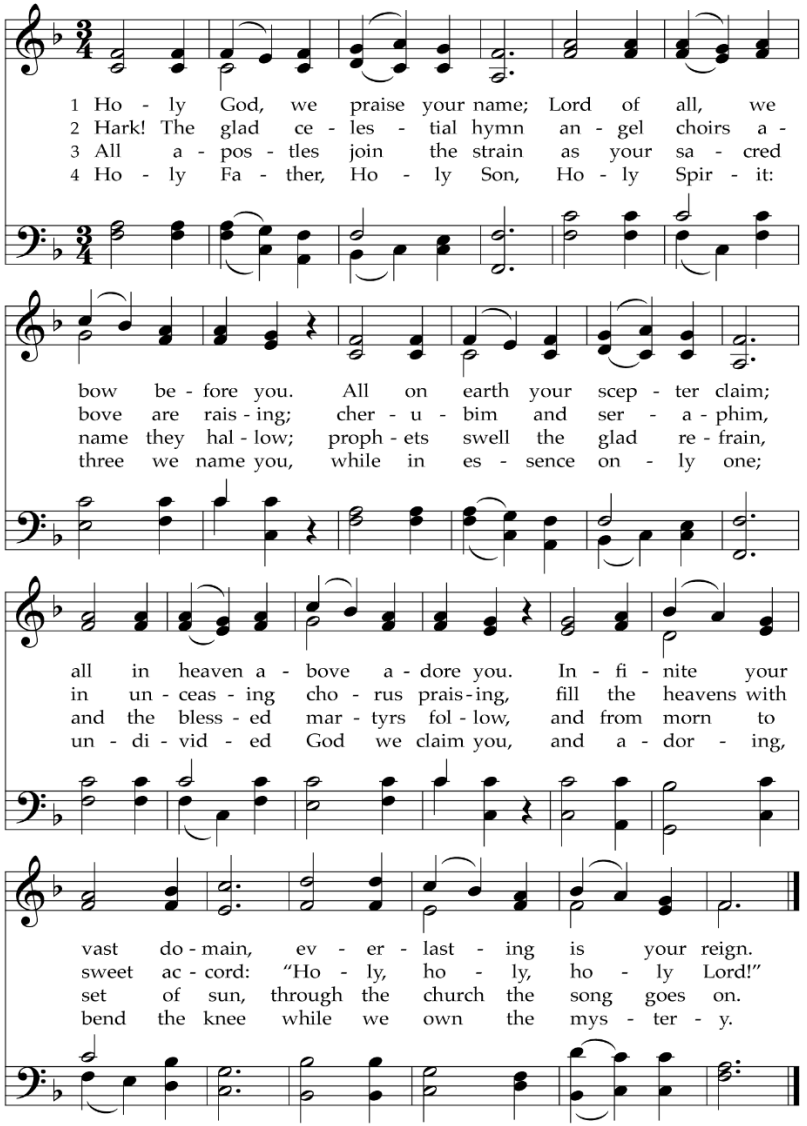
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ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	9:30 a.m.	Visiting Ministry Committee (Reading Room)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
	3:00 p.m.	Funeral Service-Ed Kutt (Sanctuary) followed by interment
	4:30 p.m.	Funeral Luncheon-Ed Kutt (Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)
Mon.	6:00 p.m.	Friendship Committee (Bible Fellowship Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Elders Meeting (Pastor Dave's office)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts PACK Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	300th Anniversary Committee meeting (Bible Fellowship)
Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Nursery School Board Meeting (Reading Room)
Thurs.		NS – Tosco's Pizza Sale pickup (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Senior High Room)
	1:00 p.m.	Grief Support (Social Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Senior High Room)
Fri.		NS – Tosco's Pizza Sale pickup (Fellowship Hall)
	6:15 p.m.	Girl Scouts (lower-level classrooms)
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	9:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class (Confirmation Room)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
	4:00 p.m.	Community Thanksgiving Service (St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Green Lane)
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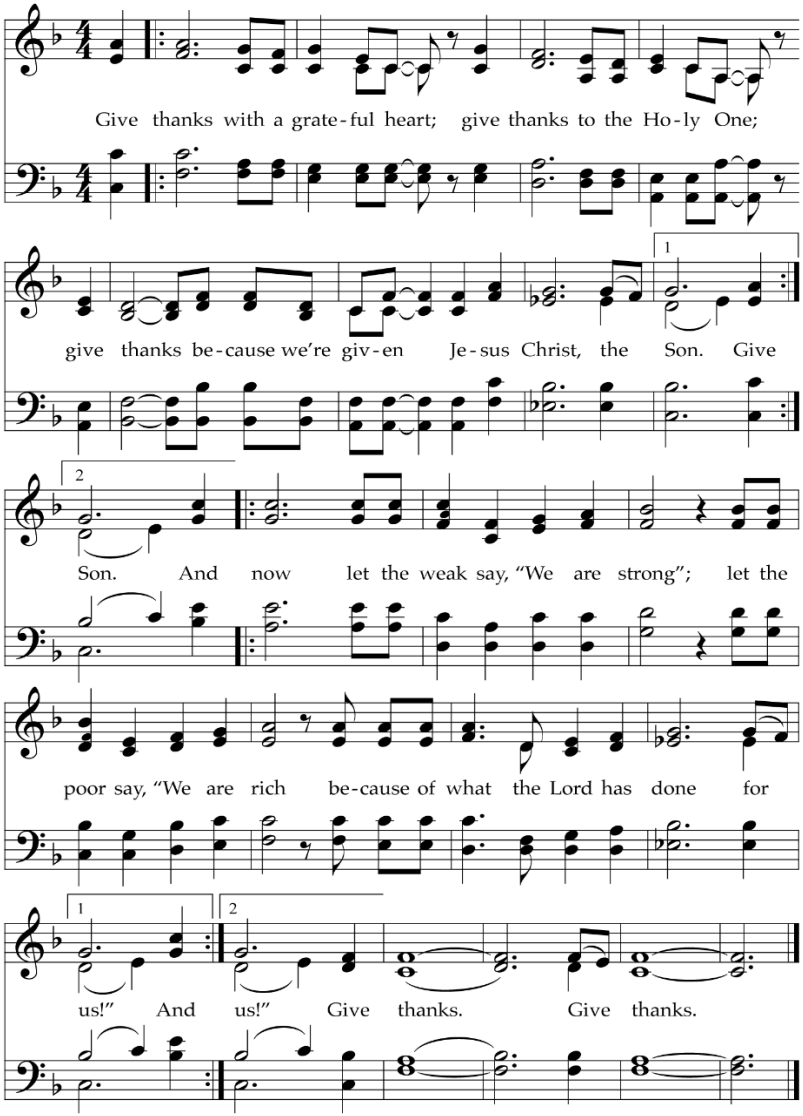
4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name



Based on an 18th-century German metrical version of a celebrated 5th-century Latin hymn, *Te Deum laudamus*, this abbreviated 19th-century English paraphrase is sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. It is set here to the tune composed and named for the German version.

TEXT: Attr. Ignaz Franz, c. 1774; trans. Clarence Alphonsus Walworth, 1858, alt. GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH
MUSIC: *Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch*, c. 1774; harm. Johann Gottfried Schicht, 1819 7.8.7.8.7.7

647 Give Thanks

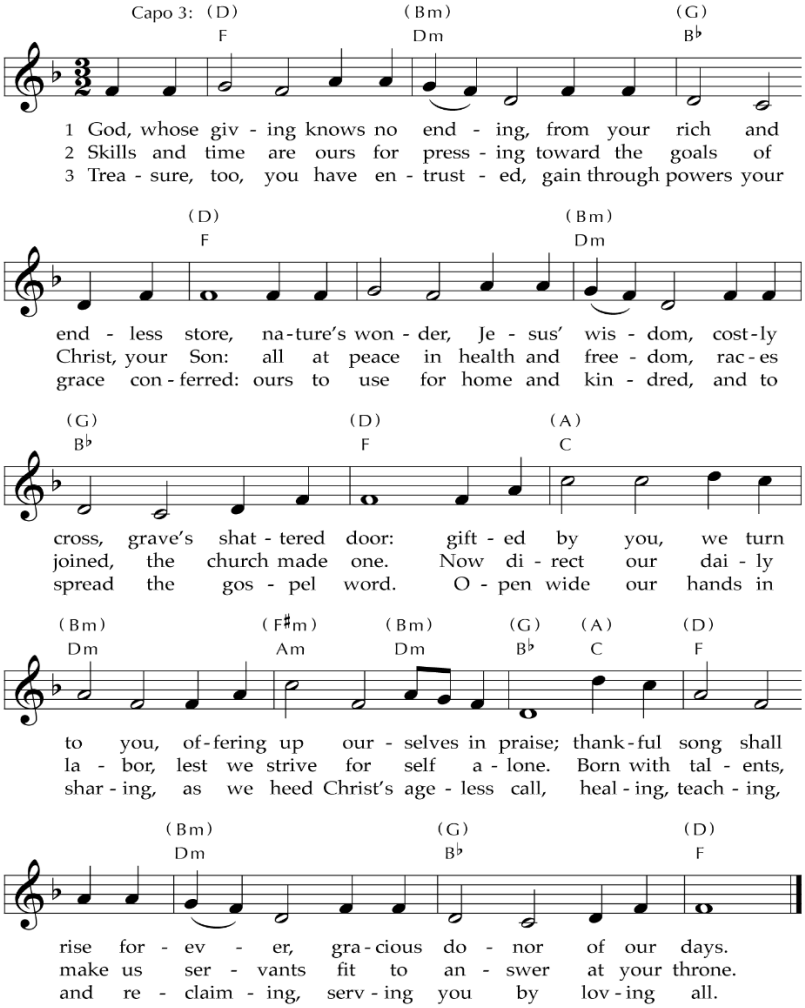


Drawing on language from 2 Corinthians 6:10 and 12:10 as well as Psalm 126:3, this short and repetitive song can be easily memorized. The simple vocabulary makes it suitable for multigenerational use, reminding all ages how gratitude for God's goodness changes our perspective.

TEXT: Henry Smith, 1978, alt.
MUSIC: Henry Smith, 1978
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GIVE THANKS
Irregular

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716
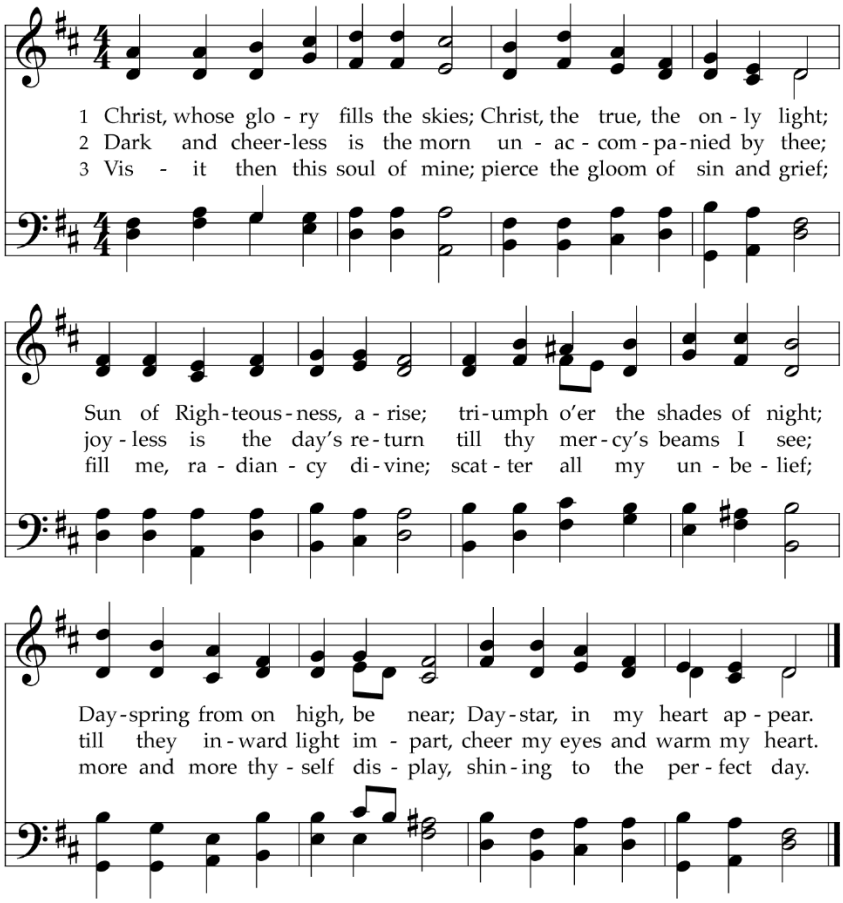


Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, alt.
MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958
Text © 1961, ren. 1989 The Hymn Society (admin. Hope Publishing Company)
Music Harm. © 1958, ren. 1986 Broadman Press (admin. Music Services)

BEACH SPRING
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Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies 662



This well-crafted morning hymn opens by celebrating daylight as an image of Christ, the true Light, then ponders life without light, and culminates in a prayer for inward light. The tune's name honors its German roots: Ratisbon is the former English name for Regensburg.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1740
MUSIC: German folk melody; adapt. Johann Werner, 1815; harm. William Henry Havergal, 1847

RATISBON
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