

## You're Invited!

We invite you to join us for some pie (and good fellowship) in the church basement, immediately following this service.

### Upcoming Holiday Schedule

#### December:

3 <sup>rd</sup>		Advent Begins
10 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	Last Day of 2023 classes
17 <sup>th</sup>	8am & 9:30am	Christmas Program at TS
24 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Sunday Morning Service
24 <sup>th</sup>	2pm, 3:30pm, 5pm	Candlelight Services

**Sunday school classes will resume on Jan 21st.**

### Terrace Shores EFC

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8am and 9:30am

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# Good Evening, Friend

We're glad you've come to thank God with us. Giving thanks to God is something He has commanded us to do, in all circumstances. But it is something that is not always easy to do, especially in the midst of difficult circumstances. May God be honored, and each of us encouraged, as we come together tonight from a variety of circumstances, to praise and give thanks to Him. For He is Worthy! Thank you for coming. Have a meaningful Thanksgiving!

## SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

Terrace Shores Evangelical Free Church

November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Welcome and Prayer in Unison:

Good and gracious God, thank you for being the faithful God that you are. Thank you for always providing our needs. Thank for you always watching over us. You are in the brightest of days and the darkest of nights. Though the year has been trying, we still have much to be thankful for. So may our worship today echo our gratitude and our steadfast love and faith in you.

In Christ we pray, Amen.

### Thanksgiving Choir Medley

Scripture: Psalm 95: 1-7

Comments/Testimony: Doug Stegeman

Song

Scripture: Psalm 89: 1-2, 14-15

Comments/Testimony: Holly Sina

Song

Scripture: Psalm 28:6-8

Responsive Reading: Psalm 103

Closing Comments

Song: "Now Thank We All our God"

Closing Prayer

## RESPONSIVE READING FROM PSALM 103

**Leader:** Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**Response:** Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

**Leader:** Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things.

**Response:** So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**Leader:** The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel.

**Response:** The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

**Leader:** He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.

**Response:** As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

**Leader:** As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed.

**Response:** He remembers that we are dust.

**Leader:** The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone and its place remembers it no more, but from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children

**Response:** With those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

**Leader:** The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

**Response:** Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

**Leader:** Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will. Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

**All:** Praise the Lord, my soul

### **To All Ye Pilgrims:**

*Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, beans, squashes, and garden vegetables, and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as He has protected us from the ravages of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience; now, I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday, November ye 29th of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-three, and third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Pilgrim Rock, there to listen to ye pastor, and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings.*

*-William Bradford, the governor of Plymouth Colony.*

*"I don't have to chase extraordinary moments to find happiness - it's right in front of me if I'm paying attention and practicing gratitude."*  
- Brene Brown

*"When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around."*  
- Willie Nelson

*"Gratitude is the healthiest of all human emotions. The more you express gratitude for what you have, the more likely you will have even more to express gratitude for."* - Zig Ziglar

*"I thank God for my handicaps, for, through them, I have found myself, my work, and my God."* - Helen Keller (1880-1968)  
American deafblind author, activist & lecturer