



Thanksgiving Potluck TODAY at 5:00 PM! Turkey and ham will be provided, along with drinks and table service. If you plan to attend, please bring a dish to share that corresponds to the first letter of your last name:

- **A – G** Bread
- **H – M** Vegetable
- **N – Z** Dessert



Church Work Day Sunday, November 21 immediately following worship. Bring yard gloves, rakes, leaf blowers, tarps or old blankets & help us with outdoor church cleanup. A lite soup and sandwich lunch will be provided!



Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 4, 10:00 AM – Noon. All interested in planning or helping with this annual outreach event, join us for a brief planning meeting immediately following worship TODAY!



Children's Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 12, 11:00 AM. All children PreK – 6th grades are invited to participate in the Christmas pageant. Rehearsals are held at Children's Chapel during weekly worship. Mark your calendars and join us!



NP Comet Cupboard Indoor Food Pantry & St. Luke's Free Clinic Open Hours: Wednesday Nov. 17, Dec. 1 & Dec. 15

- Food Pantry: **5:00-6:30 PM** (questions? dbequeai967@msn.com)
- Free Clinic: **6:00-8:00 PM** Flu Shots now available! (questions? 515-238-6425)

UMW WINTER DONATION DRIVE Bring in winter mittens, gloves, hats & scarves of all sizes for the NP Comet Cupboard food pantry ministry. Place in red barrel in church entryway.

#LOVELIKEJESUS TUMBLERS

Purchase one for \$10 & provide a free gift for our guests!



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 14, 2021



THANKSLIVING: Living a Life of Gratitude Every Day

God's people are called to be thankful people more than just one day a year, but to live a life of gratitude every day in response to the God who was, and is and is to come. We can look back on past blessings and be thankful; we can be more intentional about counting our blessings in the present and be thankful; and we can trust that God is always at work to create a future that looks more on earth as it is in heaven.

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GATHERING SONG

“Church (Take Me Back)”

WELCOME/CONGREGATIONAL GREETINGS

www.polkcityumc.org/online-worship

Please record your presence in the Facebook comments or the website attendance card

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Amber Schelling

Leader: O God, you are the gathering one who calls us into community with each other,

People: to love and work, to support and heal.

Leader: You are the gathering one who calls us into community with all people;

People: to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.

Leader: You are the gathering one who calls us into community with the whole creation;

People: to live in harmony, to cherish and renew.

Leader: Let us worship the God who makes us one.

SONG OF PRAISE

“We Gather Together”

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Loving and merciful One, we thank you for the community in which you have placed us, for the brothers and sisters with whom we walk this pilgrim journey. Yet, we confess that we fail to love as you love. We build walls that separate us: from you, from one another, from the world, even from ourselves. We place stumbling blocks in the way of goodness and truth. We are led astray by promises of earthly treasure. Teach us to pray and praise without pause, confessing hope ceaselessly. Guide us in our efforts to encourage one another, to work together for good in the world, and to prepare for the day of the Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 13:1-8 (CEB)

SONG OF REFLECTION

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning to End)”

Children age 3 & up invited to follow ministry leaders for children’s chapel; they return during closing song

SERMON

“Thanks-Loving: Gratitude for the Beloved Community”

Pastor Melody Webb & Emily Young

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS & PRESENCE

Turn to a neighbor to share joys and concerns, or submit prayer requests in the Facebook comments or the Attendance Card on our website www.polkcityumc.org/online-worship

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

Your gift in-person, by mail or mobile device, or online at www.polkcityumc.org/give supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church. Thank you for your extravagant generosity! Find this week’s announcements on the back side of the bulletin, or on our website at www.polkcityumc.org

SONG OF SENDING

“My Feet Are on the Rock”

BENEDICTION

THANKSLIVING STEWARDSHIP & GENEROSITY



"ThanksLiving" calls us to consider how God's people are called to live a life of gratitude every day in response to the God who was, and is, and is to come. God has blessed each of us with unique **talents, skills and spiritual gifts** to equip us as disciples of Jesus Christ who are called to be servants in ministry. We have also been blessed with **financial resources** to help support the ministries of the church.

As we come to this season of counting our blessings, we in the church are asked to prayerfully make our commitments for the ways we will offer back these gifts and blessings to support the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness in the coming year.

www.polkcityumc.org/stewardship-campaign

Find more information about spiritual gifts and take a spiritual gifts assessment at www.polkcityumc.org/serve

Please return your **2022 Time & Talents Commitment Card** on **Sunday, Nov. 14**

Please return your **2022 Estimate of Giving Pledge Card** on **Sunday, Nov. 21**
