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Mrs. Susan Harrison, Choir Director and Organist

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

11:00 A.M.

November 20, 2011

We welcome all who are worshiping with us, especially guests and newcomers. We invite you to take part in worship, to engage in the activities of the church and make this your home church.

PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMNS & SONGS** – #26 “Now Thank We All Our God” (Vv. 1,2,3)
#29 “Give Thanks” (Songbook)

***RESPONSIVE READING** – “Psalm 136: 1-9, 23-26”

PASTOR: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PASTOR: Give thanks to the God of gods.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PASTOR: Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PASTOR: To him who alone does great wonders.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PASTOR: Who by his understanding made the heavens.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PASTOR: Who spread out the earth upon the waters.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PASTOR: Who made the great lights, the sun to govern the day, the moon and stars to govern the night.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PASTOR: To the One who remembered us in our low estate and freed us from our enemies, and who gives food to every creature.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PASTOR: Give thanks to the God in heaven.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever.**

PRAYER

THE LORD’S SUPPER

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ENGLISH MESSAGE: *Psalm 148 (P. 982)*

“A Song of Praise”

SANCTUARY CHOIR
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY
OFFERING- *offertory music*

ARMENIAN MESSAGE: *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (P 1841)*

“Be Joyful, Pray, and Give Thanks”

REMINDERS

***HAYR MER** – #133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** “*Park K’hez D’her, Asdvadz M’her*”

POSTLUDE

***Congregation is requested to stand**

***** Latecomers be seated**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD’S SUPPER will be celebrated today during the morning worship service.

THANKSGIVING DINNER. We invite all of you to come join us for our annual Thanksgiving dinner this afternoon at 5:00 pm.

NO COMMUNITY GROUPS this week, have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25. We wish all the church family and friends a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE A.C.C. BULLETIN will be a Christmas issue. Once again, as in the past, we offer you the opportunity to send your Christmas greetings to all the church members and friends by making a contribution to our missions fund. Please submit your names by December 11 to Suzan at the office or Pastor Mak.

THE ACC WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP will be holding a bake sale on Sunday, December 11 following the morning worship service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. Please join the Sunday School on December 18 for this year’s Christmas Program. The program begins after the church service, with a complimentary luncheon to follow by the ACC Women’s Fellowship. All are welcome.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

Pray for Florence Varbedian, Evan Darawi, and for a safe Thanksgiving.

MISSIONS

- **Angel Tree.** Angel Tree is a program of Prison Fellowship started by Charles W. Colson. Your support will help bring joy to the children of prisoners by giving them a Christmas present, letting them know they are not forgotten, and telling them about the love of Jesus. If you would like to make a donation please make checks to the ACC, memo-Angel Tree.
- **Christmas In October.** Bring Christmas joy to children of Armenia and Karabagh through AMAA Armenia Summer Camp Christmas Committee. You can make checks payable to ACC. The forms are in the hallway.
- **Food Bank.** On your next trip to the store, or your pantry, collect some non-perishable food items to share with the needy people of Oakland County. Please bring your contributions to the Food Bank box in the foyer.

Synopsis of Armenian Message

Philosopher Cicero has said, “A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue but the parent of all other virtues.” Someone else has said, “God has two homes, one in heaven, and one in the content and thankful heart.” In the passage above, Paul writes, “Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1) “Be joyful always.” To be joyful always does not mean that we are never sad, but it means that we see God’s hand in every situation. It means that we remain confident in His faithfulness to achieve His promised future salvation. It is easy to be happy and joyful when everything is going well, but what is most significant about the Christian believer is that natural joyfulness that comes from being in Christ. (2) “Pray continually.” One of the foundational doctrines of the Christian faith is that humans are neither able to save themselves nor to live their daily Christian life on their own. We need Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and for salvation, and we also, need His Holy Spirit’s strength to live a committed life to Him. Because of this, we are aware of our dependence on God and this awareness will keep us in a prayerful spirit. (3) “Give thanks in all circumstances.” The worldly persons in their daily lives they encounter situations that make them happy and thankful, and other situations that make them complain and fuss. They accept those things that agree with their purposes, and reject those things that do not. But when a person truly has Christ in their hearts, they begin to understand that God’s good purposes are accomplished in all circumstances. This leads to the understanding that the same loving God is at work even in those situations that under normal circumstances we will not accept. It is only when we understand this that we can “give thanks in all circumstances.”

Friends, let us learn to be joyful always, to pray continually and to be thankful in all circumstances.” Have a wonderful THANKSGIVING!!!