

Aveleigh's **Thanksgiving Service**  
**Sunday Nov. 19, 2017**  
**Sermon: WHAT WE HAVE TO BE THANKFUL FOR**  
**Texts Ps. 100 p. 646 & Mat. 14:19-21 p. 1052**

Call to worship:

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I say rejoice!

People: Thank you, God, for so many wondrous gifts.

Leader: For our homes and families, for our church and friendship, for food and fellowship.

People: Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, we say rejoice.

Leader: Thank you, God, for new life in Jesus Christ, for love, for belonging and for this time of thanks and praise.

People: We all now rejoice and feast in the gifts and grace of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Prayer of confession

See Worshipbook page 162 , I placed it on your desk, Ginny has this on here past powerpoint

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**I'M GRATEFUL TO GOD ...**

**1. FOR THE GRACE HE'S SHOWN TO ME.**

*"You have been saved by grace through believing. You did not save yourselves; it was a gift from God." Eph. 2:8 (NCV)*

*"I will... not forget the glorious things God does for me. He forgives all my sins. He heals me. He ransoms me from hell. He surrounds me with love ... He fills my life with good things ... He is merciful and tender toward those who don't deserve it; He is slow to get angry ... He never bears a grudge ... He has not punished us as we deserve for our sins." Ps. 103:2-11 (LB)*

**2. FOR THE PLANS HE HAS FOR ME.**

*"I have good plans for you," says the Lord, "I don't plan to hurt you. I plan to give you hope and a good future." Jer. 29:11 (ICB)*

**3. FOR THE ETERNAL HOME HE'S PREPARED FOR ME.**

*"We know that our body...will be destroyed. But when that happens, God will have a house for us. It will not be a house made by human hands; instead, it will be a home in heaven that will last forever." 2 Cor. 5:1 (NCV)*

*"God has reserved for His children the priceless gift of eternal life; it is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And God, in His mighty power, will make sure that you get there safely to receive it because you are trusting Him... So be truly glad." 1 Peter 1:4-6 (LB)*

**4. FOR THE CHANGES HE'S MAKING IN ME.**

*"For God is working in you, giving you the desire to obey Him and the power to do what pleases him." Phil. 2:13 (NLT)*

*"And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him." 2 Cor. 3:18 (LB)*