



Strathmore United Church

October 11, 2026

Thanksgiving Sunday

Rev. Maria Szabone Berces

Greetings & Welcome:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

and also, with you.

Based on 2 Cor. 13:13

Announcements:

Lighting the Christ Candle:

We seek God's presence in our lives today.

We seek God's Spirit moment by moment in worship.

As we journey in faith, we strive to move forward in faith.

We will never turn back, except to give thanks.

And so we welcome the guiding light of Christ.

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🎵 Centering: *For the Fruit of all Creation* ***VU#227**

Call to Worship:

In the songs of birds and the warmth of sunshine,

We welcome the presence of God.

In fields of grain, growing gardens, and flowers blooming,

We welcome the presence of God.

In the wave of a neighbour and the phone call of a friend,

We welcome the presence of God.

In the bustle of the day and the quiet of the evening,

We welcome the presence of God.

In the work we do and the games we play,

We welcome the presence of God.

In the lessons we've learned and the opportunities to come,

We welcome the presence of God.

In the memories we hold and the love we have known.

We give thanks for the presence of God.

Come, let us worship in the presence of God.

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Opening Prayer:

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Special Music by the Choral Group: Praise and Thanksgiving

Story Time for All Ages:

Prayer of Confession:

God in heaven, You have provided your children with many wonderful gifts. But there are times when we may get so caught up in the busyness of our own day-to-day living that we forget to stop and breathe a simple word of thanks.

Forgive me, God, when I forget to whisper, "Thank you."

God in heaven, as we travel through life, there are times when we are so happy to have received your gifts of grace that we may forget that the gifts came from You.

Forgive me, God, when I forget to whisper, "Thank you."

Accept our silent prayers as we bring our thanks and confessions to You.

(A time of silent prayer, closed with Amen.)

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Words of Assurance:

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🎵 Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King (**Vs 1; 4-5**) *VU #217

Prayer of Illumination:

Come, listen to stories of faith from long ago;

We are ready to listen.

Come with open hearts to hear God's Word;

We open our hearts to God.

Come, Spirit of God,

Bless us as we pray, sing, and speak to us of your gifts of love that is ours in Jesus. Amen.

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Reading of Scripture

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Luke 17:11-19

L: A Word of God that is still speaking,

P: Thanks be to God.

Message:

♪♪ Hymn: *We Plough the Fields* ***VU #520**

The Offering Invitation:

Come gather up our gifts. With joy, let us offer to our Creator a thanksgiving portion for all we have received.

As we give from our hearts, let our offerings be blessed.

Praise and thanks be to God.

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M&S Story:

God has invited everyone to the great feast of life. Accept the invitation and bring something to share!

♪♪ Dedication: *We Plough the Fields (Refrain Only)* ***VU #520**

**All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, God, O holy God,
for all your love.**

Prayer of Dedication:

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer:

♪♪ Hymn: *Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet* ***VU #245**

Commissioning:

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♪♪ Choral Response: *Amen* ***VU #967**

Passing the Peace of Christ

L: May the God of Peace go with you.

P: And also with you.

*Please, join us for coffee and fellowship after the
service.*

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