

THANKSGIVING EVE INTERFAITH SERVICE
Wednesday, November 23th, 2022



The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury
352 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
give the angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in God's garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
to thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home!

Unison Prayer

**O God,
Let us be united;
Let us speak in harmony;
Let our minds apprehend alike.
Common be our prayer;
Common be the end of our assembly;
Common be our resolution;
Common be our intentions;
Alike be our feelings;
Unified be our hearts;
Perfect be our unity.**

Choral Anthem Dona Nobis Pacem - Give Us Peace - Sim Shalom
arr. Eric T. Myers

Presidential Proclamation – Wayne Hallard

* Hymn #338 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies
O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea

O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and every gain divine.

Thanksgiving Litany

Leader: Generous God, for the abundance of your blessings to us day by day
and year by year,

All: We give you our thanks.

Leader: For the simple pleasures of life: for garden harvests, coffee
conversation, and familiar surroundings,
For health and strength to appreciate the wonder of life,
For needs met and desires fulfilled,

All: We give you our thanks.

Leader: For foods distributed to nourish body and spirit,
For homes which supply shelter, which nurture order and beauty, and offer
hospitality,

All: We give you our thanks.

Leader: With hearts that forgive as freely as you have forgiven,
With enthusiasm of spirit for the gift of life,
With music which declares your everlasting goodness,
With prayers for mutual understanding and peace,

All: We worship you with joy.

Leader: With creative pursuits which contribute our God-given talents,
With words which honor you as Creator,
With time volunteered and dedicated to service in congregation and
community,
With years committed to extending your love,

All: We worship you with joy.

* Hymn #37 Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
To God our creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished
All fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces,
the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!

Benediction

Postlude Grand Celebration
Jubilee Bells

Derek K. Hakes

Please join us for a reception following the service, in Fellowship Hall.

Worship Leaders

Rabbi Sally J. Priesand
Cantor Gabrielle Clissold
Reverend Katja Gruening
Wayne Hallard, Monmouth Reform Temple President
Marcello Velame, Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury
Director of Music Ministries
Alice Berman, Monmouth Reform Temple Choir Director
Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth, Organist
Pat Dunphy, Vocal Soloist
Jubilee Bell Choir
The Combined Choirs
Zoom Hosts: John Palframan and Rich Vodhanel
Ushers: Peter Bruguiere, Bill Schanck and Brian Sergeant

Interfaith Neighbors

Interfaith Neighbors, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in May 1988 when local faith communities came together to address the growing problem of homelessness. Today our supporting members include over 45 varied faith-based organizations, private & corporate donors, charitable gifts & trusts, as well as grants from foundations. Our mission is to assist the most vulnerable among us meet life's necessities while working to help improve the quality of life for individuals, families and their communities. Through the years, our services have grown to include distinct programs for Monmouth County residents, including: Rental & Mortgage Assistance, Nutrition and Meals on Wheels, Affordable Housing, Neighborhood Revitalization, Launch Center, and Kula Urban Farms.