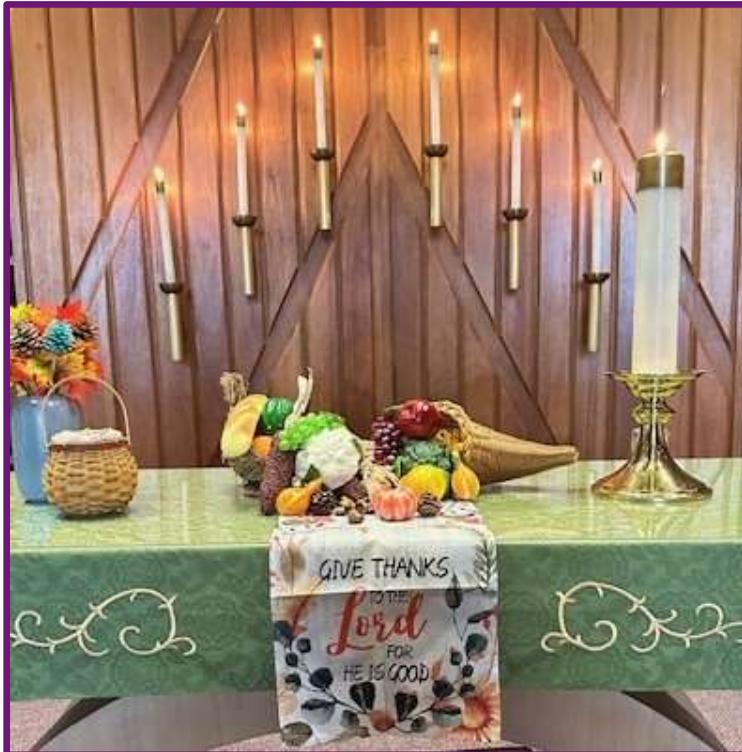


The United Methodist Church in
Wayne



November 23, 2025
Thanksgiving Sunday

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In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

~Matthew 5:16

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT

Fanfare of Thanksgiving

Jubilation Ringers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

All: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

Leader: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

All: love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.

Leader: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

All: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

*OPENING HYMN

We Gather Together

UMH #131

OPENING PRAYER ~ written by Walter Rauschenbusch (1861-1918)

O God,

We thank you for this earth, our home;

for the wide sky and the blessed sun, for the ocean and streams, for the towering hills and the whispering wind, for the trees and green grass.

We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds, and see the splendor of fields of golden wheat, and taste autumn's fruit, rejoice in the feel of snow, and smell the breath of spring flowers.

Grant us a heart opened wide to all this beauty;

and save us from being so blind that we pass unseeing when even the common thorn bush is aflame with your glory.

For each new dawn is filled with infinite possibilities for new beginnings and new discoveries. Life is constantly changing and renewing itself.

In this new day of new beginnings with God, all things are possible.

We are restored and renewed in a joyous awakening to the wonder that our lives are and, yet, can be. Amen.

THE BASKET

RESPONSIVE PSALM 100

UMH #821

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Once you have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you take possession of it and are settled there, take some of the early produce of the fertile ground that you have harvested from the land the Lord your God is giving you, and put it in a basket. Then go to the location the Lord your God selects for his name to reside. Go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him: "I am declaring right now before the Lord my God that I have indeed arrived in the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." The priest will then take the basket from you and place it before the Lord your God's altar. Then you should solemnly state before the Lord your God: "My father was a starving Aramean. He went down to Egypt, living as an immigrant there with few family members, but that is where he became a great nation, mighty and numerous. The Egyptians treated us terribly, oppressing us and forcing hard labor on us. So we cried out for help to the Lord, our ancestors' God. The Lord heard our call. God saw our misery, our trouble, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, with awesome power, and with signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land—a land full of milk and honey. So now I am bringing the early produce of the fertile ground that you, Lord, have given me." Set the produce before the Lord your God, bowing down before the Lord your God. Then celebrate all the good things the Lord your God has done for you and your family—each one of you along with the Levites and the immigrants who are among you.

MESSAGE

A Beacon of Light

HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

UMH #102

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

The 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.

WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

OFFERTORY

Give Thanks

Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. X2

And now let the weak say "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. X2

Doxology (Old 100th)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

As we offer our gifts and lives in this moment, may we become imitators of you, Gracious God, who holds nothing back from us, but is generous and gracious with all that is yours. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks.

CLOSING HYMN

Crown Him With Many Crowns

UMH #327

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS November 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS November 24th – 30th

Monday November 24th

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

Tuesday November 25th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service @ 7pm at the Preakness Reformed Church. 131 Church Lane

Thursday November 27th

Happy Blessed Thanksgiving!

Friday November 28th

Friday Prayer and Devotion on FaceBook @ 7am

Sunday November 30th

Hanging of the Greens Service with Parish Drive @ 10pm

THE RACK IS BACK!!!!

Now-March 1, 2026

A friend of mine has a rack of coats, and a bucket of hats, gloves, and scarves for anyone in need. The rack hangs in her front yard in Ringwood.

The sign outside reads

“Need a coat, take one- Want to help, leave one”.

If you have any coats, gloves, hats, or scarves that you cannot use anymore, you can bring them to church and give them to me.

I will make sure they get to the rack!

Thank you in advance, Liz Tible

The words and music in our liturgy, hymns, and songs are by:

Fanfare of Thanksgiving. Music by George J. Elvey. Arranged by Dan R. Edwards.

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Crown Him with Many Crowns. CCLI Song # 23938 George Job Elvey | Godfrey Thring | Matthew

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THE RIDGEWOOD SINGERS PRESENT ...

WINTER DREAMS

Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 2:00pm

at the First Presbyterian Church

722 E. Ridgewood Ave, Ridgewood, NJ



Advent at UMC in Wayne

Sunday November 30th @ 10am
Hanging of the Greens Service

Sunday December 7th @ 10am
Jubilation Ringers & Holy Communion

Sunday December 14th @ 10am
Parish Drive

Sunday December 21st @ 10am
Jubilation Ringers & Parish Drive



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