



# BRING JOY! GIVE THANKS!

**A FEAST OF HYMNS**

November 18, 2023



**PIONEER**  
MEMORIAL CHURCH

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*Pioneer Memorial Church, November 18, 2023, 9:00 & \*11:45 a.m.*

Invitation to Rejoice

*Prelude and Fugue on "All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

*Kenneth Logan*

Call to Joy: from Psalm 100 NKJV

*José Bourget*

*LEADER: Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!*

*PEOPLE: Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.*

*LEADER: Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;*

*PEOPLE: We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.*

*LEADER: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.*

*PEOPLE: For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.*

Hymn of Rejoicing

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

*No. 93*

Words of Joy: from Psalm 98 NKJV

*Cyril Punay*

Anthem of Joy

*Praise Hymn*

*Robert Leaf / Shackley*

Hymn of Joy

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*No. 12*

Prayer of Rejoicing

*Nancy Mészáros  
\*Debbie Michel*

Anthem of Rejoicing	<i>The Majesty and Glory of Your Name</i>	<i>Thomas Fettke</i>
Hymn of Rejoicing	<i>Lord of All Being, Throned Afar</i>	Words No. 17, Melody No. 227
Homily	“When Gratitude Does Not Compute”	Shane Anderson
Anthem of Thanksgiving	<i>My Lord, What a Morning</i>	<i>Spiritual / Burleigh</i>
Letters of Thanksgiving	<i>In Heavenly Love Abiding</i>	<i>Traditional Finnish Melody</i>
Invitation to Thanksgiving	<i>What Gift Can We Bring?</i> <i>stanza 1 solo; st. 2 women; st. 3 all; st. 4 men; st. 5 all</i>	<i>Donna Kasbohm</i>
Procession of Thanksgiving: Gifts of Food, Song, Tithes, and Offerings		
	<i>Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!</i> (No. 27, stanzas 1-2)	
	<i>The Lord Is My Light</i> (No. 515, stanzas 1-2)	
	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i> (No. 565, stanzas 1, 3)	
	<i>'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus</i> (No. 524, stanzas 1, 3)	
	<i>To God Be the Glory</i> (No. 341, stanzas 1, 3)	
	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i> (No. 695)	
Hymn of Thanksgiving	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	No. 559
Benediction in Thanksgiving		Shane Anderson
Final Thanksgiving	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	<i>Wilhelm Teschner</i>

*José Bourget, presiding pastor; Kenneth Logan, organ, piano; Andrews University Chorale and Singers, Stephen Zork, director, Tyler Ninalga, piano; PMC Sanctuary Choir, Brenton Offenback, director; Davielle Smith, mezzo-soprano; Max Keller, Brayan Maldonado, Matthew Bourne, Christopher Rogers, brass quartet; Carla Trynchuk, Marc Élysée, violins; Kenneth Logan, hymn arrangements; PMC Evergreen Pathfinders, Errol Prentice, director*

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# PIONEER FAMILY

## Fellowship Dinner

There is no fellowship dinner this Sabbath.

## Update #10 for Renovate 2.0

The elevator and other improvements are done. It's all being used on a daily basis to improve the experience here at Pioneer Memorial Church. Thank you to everyone who has prayed for this project and its physical completion. We have just \$195,959 left to raise! (Look for the fundraising "thermometer" somewhere in the church each week!) Please consider how this project fits into your contribution plans for the rest of the year!

## 4th Annual "First Advent" Reflections

It is time to join the 4th Annual "First Advent Reflections" from December 1-25, 2023. This Christmas season the Pioneer Women's Ministries Team is delighted to invite you to reflect on Handel's "Messiah". A daily email and a text will be sent to the ladies who sign-up. To register text the word "HALLELUJAH" to 269.281.2345.

## Andrews University Symphony Orchestra

TODAY • 8:00 PM

HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Tonight the Andrews University Symphony Orchestra will perform under the direction of Dr. Elysee, featuring soloist Mailyn Iribar on the violin. Program to include works by Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven. Join us for an elegant evening of beautiful music!

## Bring a Toy, Spread Some Joy

In just a few weeks, on December 9, we will be having our annual Children's Celebration of Christmas. This is the worship service every year where we bring a new unwrapped toy for a child up to age 16. These gifts will go to families in our community who are not able to purchase gifts. This is yet another way that Pioneer can be Love on the Move!

## Memorial Service for Walter Bermeo

The family of Walter E. Bermeo, longtime member of Pioneer, invites you to join Linda LuAnn Bermeo and family in the sanctuary this afternoon at 4:00 PM for a service of remembrance and anticipation of a glad reunion with our dear husband and father when Jesus returns.

## Thanksgiving Baskets

Did you know that 30% of our students are facing hunger on our campus? Belong Ministries is partnering with CFE and other campus ministries to begin bridging the gap of hunger on campus. You can be a part of this initiative by providing a Thanksgiving basket full of microwavable foods and treats. If interested in donating a Thanksgiving basket we'll provide a list, please sign up by scanning the QR code next to the Connect Card code.

## Christmas Banquet for Seniors

DECEMBER 10 • 1:00 PM

VILLAGE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

All ASM members are invited to attend their annual Christmas Banquet. Pioneer and the Village Church are covering the cost of the meal for their members. Members of all other churches will need to pay \$20 at the door. You can register to attend by calling the Village SDA Church at 269.471.7795, Pioneer at 269.471.3133, or Cleon White at 269.471.5553 Registration closes December 5.

## Spreading Thanksgiving

We need your help to deliver the Thanksgiving Food Boxes made by the Evergreen Pathfinder club with the food collected today. If you can help by delivering the food boxes, please come this afternoon at 4:00 PM to the Pioneer main entrance (awning) and pick up names and boxes to deliver throughout the community. Thank you for being a part of this Pioneer family service opportunity.

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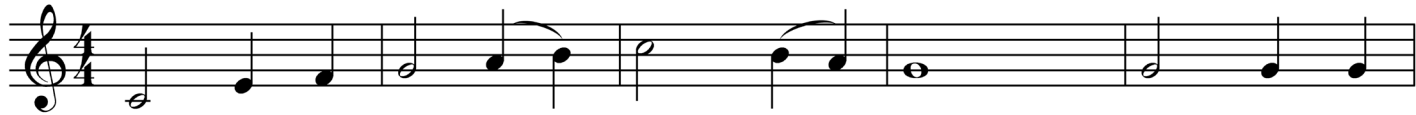
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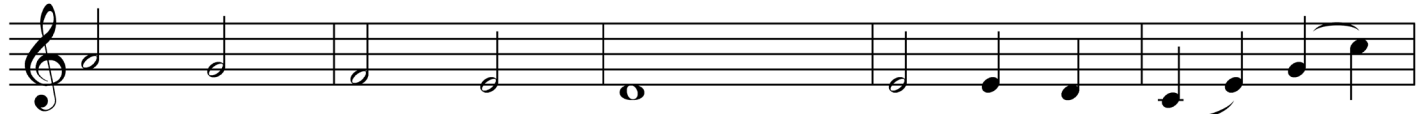
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# Lord of All Being, Throned Afar



1. Lord of all be - ing, throned a - far, Thy glo - ry  
2. Sun of our life, Thy quick - ening ray Sheds on our  
3. Our mid - night is Thy smile with - drawn; Our noon - tide  
4. Lord of all life, be - low, a - bove, Whose light is  
5. Grant us Thy truth to make us free, And kin - dling



flames from sun and star; Cen - ter and soul of  
path the glow of day; Star of our hope, Thy  
is Thy gra - cious dawn; Our rain - bow arch, Thy  
truth, whose warmth is love, Be - fore Thy ev - er -  
heart that burn for Thee; Till all Thy liv - ing



ev - ery sphere, Yet to each lov - ing heart how near!  
soft - ened light Cheers the long watch - es of the night.  
mer - cy's sign; All, save the clouds of sin, are Thine.  
blaz - ing throne We ask no lus - ter of our own.  
al - tars claim One ho - ly light, one heaven - ly flame!



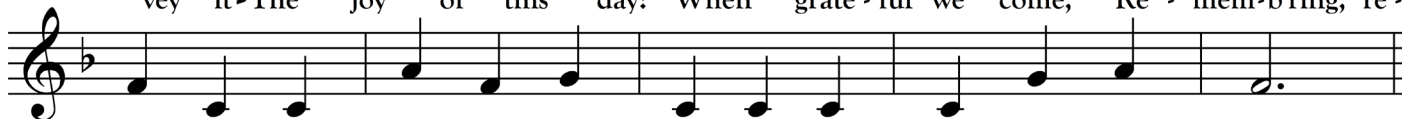
# What Gift Can We Bring?



*SOLO* 1. What gift can we bring, What present, what token? What words can con-  
*WOMEN* 2. Give thanks for the past, For those who had vision, Who planted and  
*ALL* 3. Give thanks for our friends, For families, and strangers, For all those who  
*MEN* 4. Give thanks for to-mor-row, Full of surprises, For knowing what-  
*ALL* 5. This gift we now bring, This present, this token, These words can con-



vey it-The joy of this day? When grateful we come, Re-mem-b'ring, re-  
water-ed So dreams could come true. Give thanks for the Now, For stud-y, for  
touch us In num-ber-less ways With tokens of love, Af-fec-tion and  
ev-er To-mor-row may bring, God gives us His Word That al-ways, for-  
vey it-The joy of this day! When grateful we come, Re-mem-b'ring, re-



joic-ing, What song can we of-fer In hon-or and praise?  
wor-ship, For mis-sion that bids us Turn prayer in-to deed.  
car-ing, Re-flect-ing their Mak-er In deeds large and small.  
ev-er, We rest in God's keep-ing And live in God's love.  
joic-ing, This song we now of-fer In hon-or and praise!

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# HAPPY THANKSGIVING

To you and yours  
from everyone here at Pioneer



## SABBATH SCHOOL

### SONG SERVICE

Mordekai Ongo

### SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:27  
Purity Okindo

### PRAYER

Emmanuel Omenge

### SPECIAL FEATURE

"Youth and Church Today:  
Removing Barriers to Growth"  
Panel: Discussion

### LESSON STUDY

"Mission to My Neighbor"

### SUNSET TODAY

5:22

### SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY

5:17

### OFFERING

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Pioneer Operating Budget

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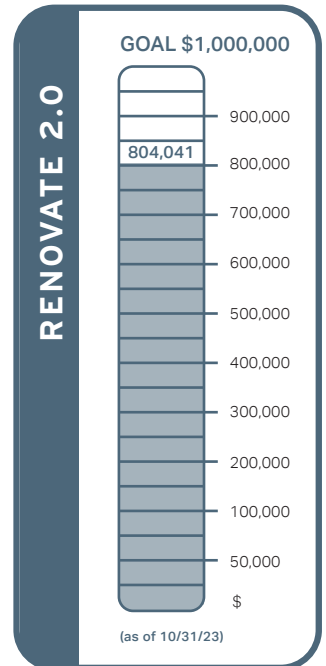
## UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2 – "Christmas Through  
the Ages"

December 9 – Toy Collection

December 9 – "Welcome Christmas:  
Peace on Earth"

December 10 – Christmas Banquet  
for Seniors



## PIONEER PULPIT

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**Shane Anderson**

"The God Who Hears"

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**Shane Anderson**

"The Holy Hurricane, Part 3:  
The Wind That Weaves"

# BOUNTY OF BEAUTY AND BLESSING

"Out of God's bounty come beauty and blessing about which to "Bring Joy!" and "Give Thanks!" today. We share a hymn about God's creation, "All Things Bright and Beautiful."

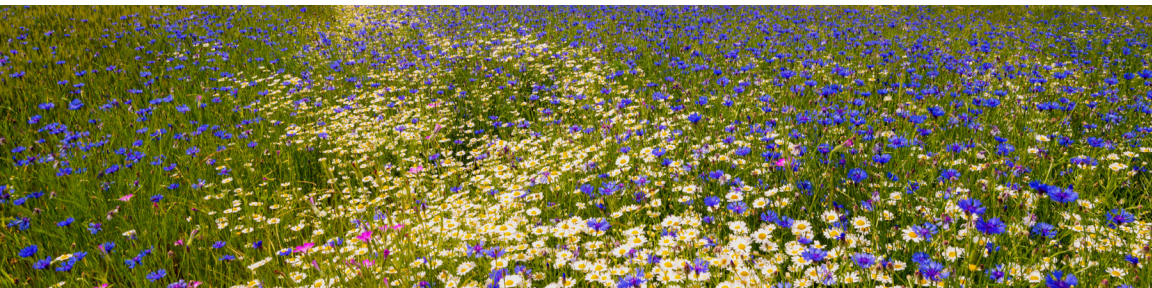
Irish author Cecil Alexander (1818-1895) wished that children would understand beliefs stated in the catechism. In children's hymn texts, she re-phrased and amplified various beliefs with special clarity for children. The subject of her hymn "All Things Bright and Beautiful" is, "I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth." Her text has a simple beauty transcending age, time, and place.

Ellen White says, "Nature and revelation alike testify of God's love. Our Father in heaven is the source of life, of wisdom, and of joy. Look at the wonderful and beautiful things of nature." (*Steps to Christ*) Today, "A Feast of Hymns" worship services begin with a musical look at nature, through varied musical reflections on "All Things Bright." The opening organ prelude and fugue stems from drafts by the organist written on a ranch in central British Columbia in 2022. Can you, with him, survey phenomenal flower cover on this

30-acre ranch, which that year seemed to have more than a hundred thousand blossoms including yellows, purples, and whites gracing a majestic rolling landscape?

Together, the prelude and fugue can be heard as expressing five contrasting aspects of God's creation in nature. The prelude weaves every hymn melody note into the musical fabric of the prelude's melody line, expressing a lucid calm. The fugue takes the beginning of the hymn melody's refrain and uses it as the fugue's "subject", which recurs typically with "counter subject" music in contrast to and complement with it. The fugue's four distinctive sections may be heard as speaking musically of nature evoking feelings and scenes of quiet joy, exuberant cheerfulness, soaring beauty, and towering strength.

Capping our exploration is the congregational singing of several of the hymn's stanzas. Alexander's vivid language captures something significant of the sheer beauty and inspirational value of God's creation in nature...an invitation to "Bring Joy!" and "Give Thanks!" today!  
—Kenneth Logan



## Adopt-a-Student

Winter is coming and for many of our students these are the hardest months to get through without their families. You can help create a home away from home by joining our Belong Ministries Adopt-a-Student program. You'll build meaningful connections by hosting the student for a home cooked meal, surprising them with their favorite treats, and reminding them that they've been prayed for. The time commitment is at your discretion. If interested in joining this program please scan the QR code next to the Connect Card code.

## Thank You

Our heartfelt thank you to PMC for the lovely flowers sent to our family after the recent death of our sister, Marjorie Wotring. Thank you to Pastor John Glass for coming to be with us. Thank you also to Pat Earhard and Llona Chapman of the PMC Funeral Meal Ministry for providing a lovely meal for our family after Marjorie's funeral. It was good for us to have the time together. Most sincerely, Patricia Wotring Kuhlman, Carol Wotring Fancher, and Susan Wotring Martin.

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