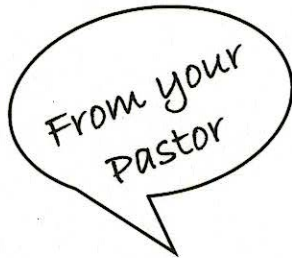


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When we think of November, we think of Thanksgiving. We may also think of other things like cooler weather, snow and hunting, but our mind probably still keeps going back to the Thanksgiving holiday as the high point of the month. We think back to how we learned about the first Thanksgiving in school, growing up. We recall how native peoples and settlers from across the Atlantic came together for this celebration. And we remember the food they shared and the food that we have shared with family and friends over the years on this national holiday.

Yes, the food! We get hungry just thinking about the turkey or ham, the dressing, the mashed potatoes, the veggies, salads and cranberry dishes, the rolls and breads, and of course the desserts, particularly pumpkin pie, and maybe even ice cream, along with our favorite mealtime beverages. Yum!

This Thanksgiving I invite you to add one more thing to your holiday celebration and a new habit to your life. And the good news is that it won't cost anything or take up any extra time. After you have prayed a prayer of thanks to our Lord for all his many blessings in your life, and as you begin to enjoy your Thanksgiving meal, remember our Lord with each bite that you take. And just as eating a chocolate chip cookie (recent children's message) can remind us that following a recipe, whether for cookie baking or following the Bible as a recipe for life, will bring goodness into our lives, so also our remembrance of God's love and care for us in the past as we eat this and every meal will connect us to our Lord in a special way. Every meal will then have a sense of the sacred as we receive it, because each meal we enjoy will remind us that God is with us, and in us, and that he will provide what we need, not only for our bodies, but also for the spiritual life and journey we have with him.

May God richly bless you in this special season of giving thanks.

Grace and peace to you,

Pastor Ruth