



**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
**Sermon Based Small Group Plan**  
**November 19, 2017**  
*Giving Thanks*  
**Leading: Pastor John Burnett**  
**Scripture: Leviticus 19:9-10,**  
**Deuteronomy 24:19-21 & Matthew 25:37-40**

*Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' Matthew 25:37-40*

This week we join together in worship to celebrate a national holiday. It's both a national reminder and an act of worship for us in our faith communities.

Thanksgiving started in America in 1621 at the Pilgrim Plantation at Plymouth. Half of the pilgrims from the Mayflower had not survived. There were 50 pilgrims, celebrating harvest with 90 Native Americans who founded this event. The Pilgrims owed much of their survival to the Wampanoag Tribe who taught them how to grow corn. Following the harvest, before winter set in, they joined together to break bread for 3 days. So, this week we stop to give thanks to God and our neighbors in a time of thankfulness.

**Open in Prayer**

**Study Questions for the Sermon and Text:** (choose as needed)

**Leviticus 19:9-10 & Deuteronomy 24:19-21**

- Why were the farmers instructed to leave a portion of the crops behind? In what way is this a religious act?
- In what ways do you help others handle the hard times?
- How do you handle pan handlers? (We all struggle with this one)

**Matthew 25: 37-40**

- Have you been in the hospital or on the receiving end of help? How does that feel?
- In what ways can we help those who struggle for a daily meal?
- Who helped or encouraged you to make an important decision? Like a care choice, a relocation, etc. How were they helpful?
- In what way do you express your gratitude to God and to others?

**Prayer:**

- Pray for Pastor Dave and his family in their safe arrival.
- Pray for Darv Howell, Gary Pate, Elmer Orloff, and Nancy Piscitelli.
- Pray for time, talents and committed service to the Lord.

**Leader notes:**

*Don't just count your blessings, share them*