Thankfulness

God the Father

1 John 4:8; Zephaniah 3:17; John 3:16; Colossians 2:6-7; Psalm 100:4;



God the Holy Spirit

John 17:13

God the Son

<u>John 10:10</u>; <u>Hebrews 12:1b-2</u>; <u>Ephesians 4:11-15</u>; <u>Colossians 3:17</u>

Your view of God determines how you will live. *Romans* 1:19-23

Considerations for the week

Perspective. Thankfulness can completely change our perspective on life. Describe a time when this happened in someone's life.

Nurture. With the knowledge that an overflow of our gratitude can be the reward, how can we intentionally nurture our spiritual roots in Christ? Read Colossians 2:6-7.

Grace. Consider the relationship between the grace of God and our gratefulness to God. Comment upon any correlations and causations.

Delight. In what ways might God's delight in His people be seen as a form of divine gratitude? See, for example, <u>Zephaniah 3:17</u> and recall other scriptural passages expressing delight.

Joy. Given that God is self-sufficient, why would He be grateful? Discuss how His gratefulness manifests as joy in relationship.

How does thinking about the gratefulness of God challenge or expand our understanding of divine love?

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.



The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

— Zephaniah 3:17, ESV

Scripture read today during worship:

Psalm 136:1-3

1 Chronicles 29:10-14

Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at prayer@rtbchurch.org to let us know how we may pray for you.

Rice Temple Baptist Church

Today's order of service

Prelude, Give Thanks

Call to worship

Special music, Harvest of Praise

Hymn

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

Hymn, Come People of the Risen King

Confession and assurance

Hymn, Jesus Thank You

Hymn

My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

Offertory

Reading and prayer Special music, *One More Day*

Message

Hymn of response, We Gather Together

Benediction

Thanksgiving dinner here

Contact the church office for details and to sign up.





Volunteers are needed Dec. 9-13 to sort and assemble and distribute donations to Christian Community Service Center.

Weekly events

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm pre-registration required

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm Dinner, 5:30-6:30 pm Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 6:00 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm Sermon discussion on Zoom, 7 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Endurance men's Bible study, Thursday at 6pm Focus: college-aged / young adult men

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am. Next meets on December 6

Sunday morning
Adult Bible study, 9:30 am
Worship, 10:45 am
Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-3pm



Regular events for Wednesday – Friday are cancelled this week.

All will resume next week.

Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to the internet. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.

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