

# THANKSGIVING EVE

November 23, 2011

First Reformed Church of Volga, SD

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Prelude

Call to Worship #589 “Summons to Thanksgiving”

\* Hymn #588 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

\* Hymn #597 “We Gather Together”

Prayer & Greetings

Ministry of Music: “Thank You, Lord”

Drama: “Thanksgiving Done Wrong”

Congregational Prayer

Linus Project & Jackets for Jesus Offerings

Offering (for Chairs of Hope) & Offertory

\* Doxology

\* Hymn #592 “Now Thank We All Our God”

Scripture: Habakkuk 3:16-19

Sermon: Natural, Unnatural & Supernatural Gratitude

\* Hymn #587 “Thanks to God for My Redeemer”

Benediction – Postlude

Organist: Joyce Post. Pianist: Dori Ohm.

Drama: Erika Cotton & Austin Vander Wal.

Soloist: Jerri Weinacht. Accompanist: Bernita Kooima.

Please join us for fellowship and pie after the service.

## Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 27-28

### What do you understand by the providence of God?

Providence is the almighty & ever present power of God by which he upholds, as with his hand heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty – all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from his fatherly hand.

### How does the knowledge of God’s creation and providence help us?

We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing will separate us from his love. All creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they can neither move or be moved.