

## Service Opportunities

Announcements: Ted Wheeler  
Usher: Delbert Leavens

### RECORD

Attendance:

Contribution:

**Weekly Budget: \$ 2920.00**

### *Thought for The Day*

“A thankful heart doubles our blessings, causing us to enjoy them twice -- when we receive them and when we remember them.”

OLD UNION REMINDER

## Church of Christ of Venice

4301 SR 776  
Venice, FL 34293

### MORNING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Marty Wingo

Songs: Mike Weber

Sermon: Tim Simmons

Closing Prayer: Bill Burnside

### EVENING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Wayne Vowell

Songs: Mike Weber

Sermon: Marty Wingo

Closing Prayer: Larry Jenson

### COMMUNION

Dick Navarre Marvin DeMeester  
Kaden Simmons Kyle Sais

# Church of Christ of Venice

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## Thanksgiving

The first New England Thanksgiving was celebrated less than a year after the Plymouth colonists had settled in the new land of Massachusetts Bay Colony. The first dreadful winter in the colony had killed nearly half of its members. But new hope emerged in the summer of 1621 when the corn harvest brought rejoicing. Governor William Bradford decreed that a three-day feast be held beginning on December 13, 1621. Thus came about a Thanksgiving Day set aside for the special purpose of prayer as well as celebration. The custom of Thanksgiving Day spread from Plymouth to other new England colonies. During the Revolutionary War, eight special days of thanks were observed for victories and deliverance from perilous times. On November 26, 1789, President George Washington issued a general proclamation for a day of thanks. For many years there was no regular national Thanksgiving Day in the United States until President Lincoln in 1863 proclaimed the last Thursday in November as "*A day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father.*" As one studies early American history it becomes obvious that our early settlers and forefathers expressed their "*thanksgiving*" and their "*gratitude*" to God daily rather than once a year. As a nation we need to go back to the pilgrims' fine art of gratitude toward God!

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Please fill out a blue visitor card so that we might have a record of your visit. If needed, there is a **nursery** available at the rear of the auditorium. **Bible classes** for all ages are available Sundays at 10:00 am and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. We hope that you will join us for these studies. Please come and worship with us again soon.

### Elders

Delbert Leavens  
Wayne Vowell  
Ted Wheeler

### Minister

Ted Wheeler

### Sunday Services

Bible Study-10:00 am  
Worship-11:00 am  
Evening Worship-6:00 pm

### Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 pm.

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## A Thanksgiving Prayer

We thank Thee Lord,  
for all the good  
That we have had this year:  
For raiment, shelter and for food,  
For all the friends so dear.  
We praise Thee for thine Only Son  
Who died to set us free:  
We praise Thee for the victories  
And for the light we see.  
We thank Thee for  
Thy keeping power  
And for Thy saving grace;  
For blessing us each day and hour,  
Whit Thy sweet smiling face.  
We praise Thee for  
Thy blessed truth  
And for Thy Love divine,  
That leads us from our very youth  
Until our years decline.  
We thank Thee for  
Thy guiding hand.  
And for the way of life,  
That guides us safely  
through this land  
Of darkness and of strife.  
We praise Thee Lord  
for peace and rest  
That fills our very hearts;  
For blessing us with all the best  
That heaven can impart.  
We thank Thee for  
Thy precious Word.  
That feeds our hungry souls:  
We thank and praise Thee,  
blessed Lord,  
Who keeps us well and whole.

*Life Lines*

## THANKSGIVING

I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. *Psalms 69:30*

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. *Psalms 95:2*

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. *Psalms 100:4*

And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small. *Jeremiah 30:19*

For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. *2 Corinthians 4:15*

Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. *2 Corinthians 9:11*

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. *Philippians 4:6*

Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. *Colossians 2:7*

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving. *Colossians 4:2*

Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. *Revelation 7:12*

## Philippians 4:4-6

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*“Rejoice in the Lord always.”*

N R R E J O I C E D S K J  
S T H A N K S G I V I N G  
X S W G L C C C M X O J P  
S X E O N E K R N I A G A  
U P R N D I Y N T G V Y R  
O D R A E O H A O Y H E A  
I S M A U L C T Y W Q W R  
X D Y R Y I T J O U N I J  
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A T U P W D R S E T W L E  
H V P M N L T I M G C O U  
R U C A T S A W W I T H W  
S C H G N I H T Y R E V E

AGAIN	KNOWN	REQUESTS
ALWAYS	LORD	SUPPLICATION
ANXIOUS	MADE	THANKSGIVING
EVERYTHING	NOTHING	WILL
GENTLENESS	PRAYER	WITH
HAND	REJOICE	YOUR

*“If we pause to think,  
we'll have cause to thank.”*

## Remember in Prayer

KERRY KEATHLEY  
DELBERT LEAVENS  
JANET WEBER  
CHARLES HESSON  
DORIS WHITE  
PAT BURNSIDE  
CLARENCE RIGGENBACH  
PATRICA SMITH  
FRANK SMALL  
IVA & LEM TURNER  
PATRICIA FORD  
JEANETTE THOMPSON  
TED WHEELER

## Mark Your Calendars

- ✓ Nov. 23: Thanksgiving @ Dorothy Wooley's home
- ✓ Nov. 26: Song Service 6 pm
- ✓ Dec 3: Fellowship Meal @ noon
- ✓ Dec. 31: Song Service @ 6 pm
- ✓ Jan. 15-18, 2007: Florida School of Preaching. *32nd Annual Lectureship: **Do You Understand The God Of The Bible?*** The 15th is a holiday and hopefully we can get a group to go up on that Monday. Let Ted know if you are interested in going.