

God's Providence at Plymouth

Many Americans know well the story of the first Thanksgiving after the Pilgrims arrived from England, but why they were able to survive in the New World is less well known. "When the Pilgrims landed in 1620 at Plymouth Rock, they escaped from a treacherous ride on the wild seas only to step into another harrowing experience on the wild land . . .

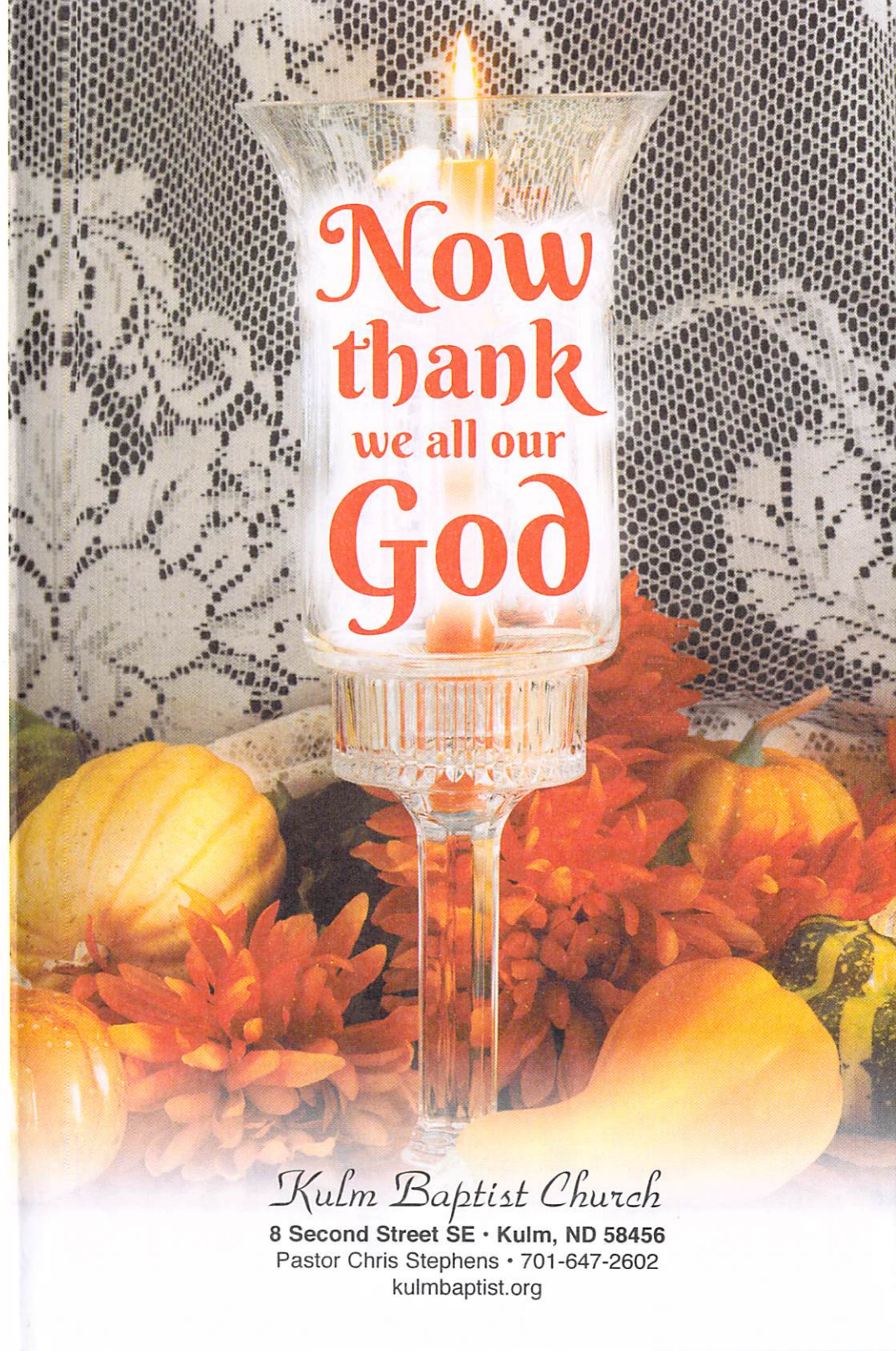
"It was not the first permanent English settlement in North America. This honor went to Jamestown, which lay several hundred miles down the Atlantic coast. Jamestown had suffered one catastrophe after another . . . The Plymouth settlers, like those at Jamestown, also faced great hardship—severe winters, disease, hunger. Three months after the landing, half were dead and most of the others sick.

"But there was a different spirit among these of the Plymouth Colony . . . the extent of their spiritual commitment, an unselfish spirit, discipline, and wise leadership. William Bradford governed . . . a man of magnanimous spirit, resolute but patient, a man of great spiritual depth." His *History of the Plymouth Plantation* tells us about the Pilgrims' lives. He "writes of how the pilgrims rested on God's providence time and time again." He "describes a three-month drought. The corn withered, the ground cracked. The settlers set aside 'a solemn day of humiliation, to seek the Lord by humble & fervent prayer, in this great distrese.' The Lord answered . . . 'and afterwards the Lord sent them such seasonable showers, with entercchange of faire warme weather, as, through his blessing, caused a fruitfull & liberall harvest, to their no small comforte and rejoycing. For which mercie (in time conveniente) they also sett aparte a day of thanksgivinge . . .'

"William Bradford's Plymouth account reveals time and time again that, despite great hardships, the pilgrims also saw great blessings, and they were a thankful people. In the concluding pages of the drama, Bradford makes the point well: 'God, it seems, would have all men to behold and observe such mercies and works of his providence as these are towards his people, that they in like cases might be encouraged to depend upon God in their trials.'"

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**KULM BAPTIST CHURCH
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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024
Titus 3:4-7**

**Welcome and Greet Your Neighbor
Announcements
Praise and Prayer Requests
Scripture Reading**

**#185 "Jesus Loves Me"
Congregational Favorites**

**Prayer of Thanks and for Tithes and Offerings
Congregational Favorites**

***Opening the Door to God's Plans
Luke 1:26-38***

#232 "God Be with You"

Benediction

Sunday, November 24

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

3:00 pm Zion Lutheran Church will host the Community Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Ministerial Assoc.

Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28

12:00 Noon the Zion Lutheran Church is hosting their 14th Annual Community Thanksgiving dinner. All are welcome.

Sunday, December 1

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

3:00 pm Community Christmas Concert with Amanda Ellison at the Congregational Church, sponsored by the Ministerial Association.

Looking ahead: Saturday, Dec. 7 is the Ladies Luncheon at the Harbor on Main Street in Edgeley. The speaker will be Sheri Fleck. Music provided by Katrina Weigel, Kris Kietzman, & Theresa Haag. Reservations are required, freewill donation.

Contact Pat, 493-2528, or Stella, 493-2449

Sunday December 8 at 10:30 am will be the KBC Christmas Program, followed by a soup and sandwich lunch. Omegas set up and serve, Alphas clean up.

Praise & Prayer Requests