

# Service for the Worship of God

10:00 a.m.

November 12, 2017

## Prelude

*Visitors, welcome! We are so glad that you are here. Your presence blesses our worship, and we hope that you experience God's love this morning.*

***We are an open and affirming congregation who seeks to be as welcoming as our savior Jesus Christ.***

*We worship in a traditional Presbyterian style (with a few tweaks from time to time). Join in as you feel comfortable and called. You can find the music in the purple hymnals, and we generally stand for singing and remain seated for everything else (with a few exceptions here and there). You can follow what the regulars do, or just do what feels right for you in the moment. It's all good!*

*If you have **younger children** with you, they are free to come forward for our "time with young disciples" or just remain with you if they are more comfortable with that. After that, children (through 6th grade) are invited to children's church upstairs.*

*It is our sincere desire that you feel **welcomed, comfortable, and invited into a rich experience God's presence**. Please join us for fellowship time after the service in our fellowship Hall (turn left just before the main doors). If not, have a blessed week. **We hope you'll visit us again.***

## Welcome & Highlights of the Church Alive

### Gathering Around the Word

*Leader reads the plain text - **Congregation reads the bold text***

## Centering Silence

### Introit

*"O All Ye Works of God"*

## Opening Prayer

\* **Worship in Song #174**      *“Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom”*

## Prayer of Confession

... Let us pray.

Gracious God, **our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us an exhausting burden.**

*Time for Silent Personal Reflection*

Set us free **from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us peace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Give thanks to God, who is good, whose mercy endures forever.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\***Response to Pardon #598**      *“Amen, We Praise Your Name”*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a 'Leader' section and an 'All' section. The lyrics are: 'Sing prais - es! A - men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es!'. The second staff continues with the lyrics: 'A - men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es! A - men, a - men.'. The third staff concludes with the lyrics: 'A - men, a - men. A - men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es!'.

**Passing the Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**Moment for Mission**

Children's Church

Stephanie Boyles

**Proclaiming the Word**

**Reading from Scripture**

Matthew 25:1-13

*Silent Reflection*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

*"Rise Up Singing Praise"*

Wood

**Time for Young Disciples**

**Message**

Pastor Paul

**Responding to the Word**

**\*Worship in Song** *"If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers" (see back cover)*

**Worship with Our Giving**

**Receiving Our Tithes and Offering & Offertory**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

*We lift up our specific prayers to God. There will be opportunity for you to briefly name your specific prayer out loud for a person or circumstance. Please be sensitive to the privacy of others.*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## Sending Out into the World

**\*Worship in Song #741**

*"Guide My Feet"*

**Charge and Benediction**

**Choral Response**

*"Go With Us Lord"*

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and ev-ery com-ing day, that  
in your Spir - it strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the choral response, with three asterisks above the notes 'Lord', 'ev-ery', and 'com-ing'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, ending with a double bar line.

**NEXT WEEK: Adult Education:** Bible Study - *Witness without Parallel: Eight Texts that Make Us Presbyterian*

### **In Adult Study:**

#### **Witness without Parallel: Eight Texts that Make Us Presbyterian**

This Bible study explores what it means to be Presbyterian through the lens of eight texts that serve as touchstones of faith and life. (The class is based upon a book of the same title, but you don't need to read it unless you want to!) The class runs through November 26th.

#### **Adult Education During Advent**

During the month of December, we'll focus on Brueggemann's "Celebrating Abundance: Devotions for Advent". If you would like a copy of the book, please sign up on the sign up sheet on the Narthex table or email Vicky at: [firstpres@cablespeed.com](mailto:firstpres@cablespeed.com). The cost will of the book will be \$10-\$12.

**Today's Worship Leaders:**

Pastor: Rev. Paul Heins

Greeters: Phelps & Sharon Witter

Choir Director: Sarah Moran

Ushers: Ron Chase, Paul & Rosine Kohler

Accompanist: Elisabeth Heiner

Liturgist: Phil Shipman

Prayer Leader: Jim Gormly

Sunday School: Mary Brunner & Ginny Moynihan

**Prayers For Healing and Comfort**

Simon Henery ♥ Linnea Winters ♥ Abby Schreiber ♥ Elizabeth Clark

Amanda Rowe ♥ Shelby Coyne ♥ Sheri Scott ♥ Garth Coe

Amber Travis ♥ Roger Harding ♥ Chris Little ♥ Janet May

Marv McKean ♥ Laura Poulter ♥ Barbara Vale

Ian Carr ♥ Cheri ♥ Bert ♥ Mel Pickrell ♥ Adam Beaty

Henry-Jon Wacker ♥ Rosalie Branigan ♥ Joanna Sather

Johanna Goering ♥ Angie Miller ♥ Bill Rich ♥ Susan McClain

Lee Pate ♥ Bruce Travis ♥ Meg Deardorff ♥ Nancy Markley

Colleen Burgett ♥ Pavel Cely ♥ Mary Valeria

Paul Anderson ♥ Relva Clow ♥ Raleigh Eggers

Baby George Mandros ♥ Lucy Mandros

Toni Boutilier ♥ Ken Long ♥ Dean Rigsby

Our mission co-workers in Colombia, Zambia, Tajikistan and Pastor Alberto in Santa Elena

Ministry of the *Presbyterian Counseling Center* and all who seek healing.

### **Life Care Worship Today**

We are providing a worship service to the Life Center patients today at 2:00 pm. We'd love to have lots you join us. Your simple presence is a blessing. The service is in the dining hall (just inside the main entrance.) If you have questions you can talk with Mary Maltby or Pastor Paul. We hope you can join us for this special ministry.

### **Movie Afternoon Next Sunday, November 19th**

Please join us next Sunday, November 19th after worship for a light soup lunch and popcorn. This event is sponsored by the Grauberger, Kunz and Heins families. "Disney presents 'Queen of Katwe', the 2016 inspirational movie based on the wonderful true story about a Ugandan girl's life changing forever when she discovers she has an amazing talent for chess, in this celebration of the human spirit."

### **Short On Time for Thanksgiving Dinner Preparations?**

Pecan and Pumpkin pies will again be baked by Margie and Jim Gormly. As in the past, all proceeds will go in support of the Miriam Circle Dove House Home-Warming Baskets. Sign up sheets can be found in the Narthex.

### **"Now What?" After Worship Reflection**

A time to process and continue the conversation of faith and life. Are you someone who sometimes leaves church wanting to talk about what you've experienced in worship? Now is your chance. After a few minutes to fellowship, grab a treat and some liquid joy, anyone interested can join in a free exchange of ideas, impressions, feelings, questions, or concerns arising out of the worship hour. Wait for the announcement during the fellowship time. Worship is not an ending, it's a new beginning.

### **Miriam Circle Meets On Wednesday, November 29th**

Our 2017-2018 study is Cloud of Witnesses, The community of Christ in Hebrews. We are on Lesson Three: "In Community with the Living Word". We will meet on November 29<sup>th</sup>, the fifth Wednesday of November, in the Fellowship Hall with the following schedule: Bible study from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Prayer and business meeting from 11:00 to 11:30 am. Followed by fellowship during a "bring your own brown bag" lunch with coffee, tea and water available. We invite our current members and anyone who wishes to join us to come and share in our study, prayer and fellowship.

## **If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers**

O WALY WALY LM ("Though I May Speak")

If we just talk of thoughts and prayers  
And don't live out a faith that dares,  
And don't take on the ways of death,  
Our thoughts and prayers are fleeting breath.

If we just dream of what could be  
And do not build community,  
And do not seek to change our ways,  
Our dreams of change are false displays.

If we just sing of doing good  
And don't walk through our neighborhood  
To learn its hope, to ease its pain,  
Our talk of good is simply vain.

God, may our prayers and dreams and songs  
Lead to a faith that takes on wrongs—  
That works for peace and justice, too.  
Then will our prayers bring joy to you.

Biblical References: Isaiah 58; Matthew 7:21, 24-27; 1 Corinthians  
13:1; James 2:14-26; 1 John 3:18-24

Tune: Traditional English melody

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