

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday November 12th , 2017

Please stand at items marked * if you are able.
Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison
Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Susan Mattinson

Pianist: Micah Pawluk Music Director: Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

***Entry of the Bible**

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn "O Lord my God!/How great thou art" **#332**

Opening Prayer:

God of yesterday, today and forever, You have protected us during difficult times; your compassion is everlasting. You have shown us the path to truth and life; your way is eternally holy. We give thanks that you are always near, and we rejoice in your loving presence, even as we recognize our need for your protection and redemption. We so often fail to worship and serve you in sincerity and faithfulness. We confess that we are often short-sighted, caring more about ourselves today than we do about future generations. Because of our selfishness, we have harmed the planet and perpetuated division between people and nations. With your help, O God, we can transform the legacy we are leaving. We ask you to forgive us. Show us the way to heal the wounds and divisions in our hearts and in the world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem

***Children's Hymn** "Give me oil in my lamp" **#655**

Sing last verse after Children's Time

Children's Time

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation: **#400 v.2**

"Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love: humble, caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!"

"Be Still and know that I am God" (Ps. 46:10)
Please take the time before the service as an opportunity to quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Bible Readings:

Amos 5:18-24

Psalms 70

Matthew 25:1-13

pg. 854 OT

pg. 532 OT

pg. 28 NT

Gloria Patri:

#594

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen, amen.

Sermon: "Ready, Watchful, and Prepared"

Hymn: "At the name of Jesus"

#340

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

***Offertory Response**

#379 v.4

"So, let us learn how to serve, and in our lives, enthrone him, each other's needs to prefer, for it is Christ we're serving. This is our God the Servant King, he calls us now to follow him, to bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King."

***Prayer of Dedication:**

Lord of Wisdom, we faithfully believe in the promise of your Heavenly Kingdom. Enable us to be generous givers whose giving is not controlled by our personal wants. We pray in the name of your Son who will come again as Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debts...debtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn:** "Softly and tenderly"

#640

Blessing

"Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow. He has washed and made me white as snow. I'm redeemed from all my sin and shame. Now and forever, praise his holy name. Praise his holy name. Praise his holy name. To God be the glory now and forever. Praise his holy name!"

Postlude: (Please maintain a reverent silence and stillness during the postlude.)