

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday November 26th, 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 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" #115

Opening Prayer:

God, you are known to us as the Almighty, Powerful, Wonderful, and Lord. We praise you with many names, but you are beyond our imagination and so much greater than our words. Your rule is over all creation and your reign endures forever. We come with a sincere desire to walk in your ways and live under your reign. You gift us with your kingdom, yet we fail to live into the fullness of this governance. We confess that we have failed to love fully, forgive wholly, and to share the joy of your presence. You offer freedom but we settle for the familiar, you offer risky love but we opt for safety, you bring hope and we choose security. Teach us to abandon our selfish and troubled ways, so that we might with confidence hand our lives over to you for the building of your kingdom. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem

***Children's Hymn** "Can a little child like me" #441

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:

Ezekiel 34:11-24 pg. 803-804 OT

Psalms 95:1-7 pg. 550 OT

Matthew 25:31-46 pg. 29 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: "Citizens of the Kingdom"

Hymn: "You, Lord, are both lamb and shepherd" #356

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:**

Exalted One, we joyfully celebrate our unlimited trust in your faithful promises. We pray that all people will someday sound a cacophony of hallelujahs as they truly accept your steadfast love. May these gifts that we gladly lay upon your table enable ministries that support this chorus of praise. We pray with praise and thanksgiving in our hearts. Amen.

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn: "It Is Well with My Soul" insert**

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.)