

Old Presbyterian Meeting House

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 18, 2018

8:30 and 11 a.m.

WELCOME

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God!

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Slow and sustained (*Symphonie Gothique*)

Charles Marie Widor
1844–1937

INTROIT

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly, day by day.

—attrib. Richard of Chichester (1197–1253)

Arthur H. Biggs
1899–1991

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

God of power, may
the boldness of your
Spirit transform us,
the gentleness of your
Spirit lead us, and the
gifts of your Spirit be
our goal and our
strength. Amen.

*Please turn off all
cellphones. We ask
that no photos be
taken during the
service.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Hold fast to your hope without wavering,

for God who has promised is faithful.

Let us sing praise to the Lord our God!

▲ HYMN OF PRAISE 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

Lyons

▲ *Stand as you
are able.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Katherine Stanford

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. You warn us of what is to come, but we ignore the signs of the times. You promise your new creation, but we cling to the ruins of this world. Forgive us, God of grace. Wash away the stain of our sin and keep us faithful in love and in work while we await your coming in glory. Hear now the prayers we bring to you in silence ...

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 578 Kyrie Eleison

Oré poriajú verekó

O Lord, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

▲ACT OF PRAISE 583

Glory to God

Taizé tradition

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

▲PASSING THE PEACE

Stand, as you are able, and greet your neighbors, saying, "**The peace of Christ be with you.**"

Respond by saying, "**And also with you.**"

GOD'S WORD TO US

ANTHEM

Traditional

I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms,
in the arms of my dear Savior, oh! there are ten-thousand charms.

Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above,
praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Come, thou font of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace,
streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

—text traditional; tune arranged Parker/Shaw

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Hebrews 10:11–14, 19–25

Pew Bible, pp. 210–11

Mark 13:1–8

Pew Bible, p. 47

Lynn Eiseman, Lay Reader

TIME WITH CHILDREN *11 a.m.*

Following the children's time, children Kindergarten through 3rd grade are invited to attend Bridges to Worship.

Leader And as our children depart for Bridges to Worship, we say ...

Congregation **May God be with you there.**

Leader And the children say ...

Children **May God be with you here.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Endings and Beginnings

Dr. Robert R. Laha

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted from *A Declaration of Faith*, 1977

The people of God have often misused God's promises as excuses for doing nothing about present evils. But in Christ, the new world order has already broken in and the old can no longer be tolerated.

We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom, but hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now, in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.

Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND INVITATIONS TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore,
never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more;
than my weary sprite [spirit] now longs to fly out of my troubled breast.
O come quickly, come quickly sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest!

Ever blooming are the joys of Heaven's high Paradise,
cold age deafs not there our ears, nor vapor dims our eyes;
glory there the sun outshines; whose beams the blessed only see.

O come quickly, come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee!

—text by Thomas Campion (1567–1620)

Charles Wood
1866–1926

▲ DOXOLOGY 609

Laast Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 8:30 a.m.

All Communion bread is gluten-free. The ushers will invite you to come to the table. Receive the elements by intinction (take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup). Return to your pew by a side aisle. If you wish to receive communion in your pew, please let an usher know.

Liturgy

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus 552 (sing)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

▲ HYMN OF DEDICATION 100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Star of the County Down

▲ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

▲ POSTLUDE

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J.K.F. Fischer
1665–1746

Please remain in your pews until the postlude begins.

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