

# Old Presbyterian Meeting House



## SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Christ the King Sunday  
November 26, 2017  
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 *Fanfare* John Cook (1918-84)

INTROIT Jeremiah Clarke (1670-1707)

The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now;  
a royal diadem adorns the mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords is His, is His by right,  
The King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's eternal Light.

—Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us make a joyful noise to the Lord.

**We come worshipping God with gladness.**

Come, let us give thanks and praise to the Lord.

**We come offering thanksgiving to God with joy!**

#### 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 cell phones. We ask that no photos be taken during the service.*

▲ *Stand as you are able*

▲ HYMN OF PRAISE 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*Madrid*

**Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we rarely follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and feed and care for others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we might return to your fold and rejoice in your presence. Hear now the prayers we bring to you in silence...**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 578

Kyrie Eleison

*Oré poriajú verekó*

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

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

▲ ACT OF PRAISE 583

Glory to God

*Gloria*

**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

BAPTISM *11 a.m.*

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated today for Madelaine Ann Parker, daughter of Todd and Megan Parker.

ANTHEM

*Te Deum laudamus*

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

PRAISE TO THE TRINITY

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.

To Thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens and all the powers therein.

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy Glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.

The godly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.

The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;

The Father of an infinite Majesty;

Thine honourable, true, and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.

PRAISE OF CHRIST

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man: Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,  
Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.  
We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed  
with Thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints in glory everlasting.

#### PRAYERS

O Lord, save Thy people: and bless Thine heritage.  
Govern them and lift them up for ever.  
Day by day we magnify Thee; and we worship Thy Name, ever world without end.  
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in Thee.  
O Lord, in Thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

—text ca. 500 AD

#### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-22  
Ephesians 1:15-23

Pew Bible, p. 756  
Pew Bible, p. 181  
Kit Ruland, Lay Reader

TIME WITH CHILDREN *11 a.m.*

Bridges to Worship does not meet today.

▲ HYMN OF PREPARATION 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*In Babilone*

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Great Expectations

Rev. Katherine A. Stanford

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Declaration of Faith*, 1977

**In God's concern for justice in the social order, God has never forgotten the needs of individuals. In the end the Lord will judge all persons by the simple, unremembered acts of kindness they did or failed to do for the least of their sisters and brothers.**

**We acknowledge that God is at work here and now when people show personal concern for each other and work to make helping agencies, including the church itself, more compassionate.**

**We believe God sends us to risk our own peace and comfort in compassion for our neighbors. We are to give to them and receive from them, accepting everyone we meet as a person; to be sensitive to those who suffer in body or mind; to help and accept help in ways that affirm dignity and responsibility. We must not limit our compassion to those we judge deserving, for we ourselves do not deserve the compassion of God.**

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND INVITATION 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

John Amner (1579-1641)

Come let's rejoice unto the Lord, let us make joy to God our Saviour.

Let us approach to his presence in confession, and in psalms let us make joy to him. Alleluia!

—Psalm 95:1-2

▲ DOXOLOGY 609

*Lasst 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.

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. All Communion bread is gluten-free.

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 (sung):

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

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

▲ HYMN OF DEDICATION 363

Rejoice, the Lord is King

*Darwall's 148th*

▲ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

▲ POSTLUDE

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Charles Callahan (born 1951)