

Traditional Service

8:00 & 11:00 a.m.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION

2 Thessalonians 1:3

“We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing.”

PRELUDE

The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign in and pass the attendance log in your pew.)

INTROIT

I. Allegro (11:00) J.S. Bach
(from Concerto in D major after Vivaldi, BWV 972)

* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (8:00)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119:105-112 (NLT)

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.

**I've promised it once, and I'll promise again:
I will obey your wonderful laws.**

I have suffered much, O LORD; restore my life again,
just as you promised.

LORD, accept my grateful thanks and teach me your laws.

My life constantly hangs in the balance, but I will not
stop obeying your law.

**The wicked have set their traps for me along your path,
but I will not turn from your commandments.**

Your decrees are my treasure; they are truly my heart's delight.

**I am determined to keep your principles, even forever,
to the very end.**

* OPENING HYMN Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (8:00) No. 138

Blest Are the Uncorrupt in Heart (11:00) No. 233
(Choir: Verse 1, ALL: Verses 2-5)

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (11:00)

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

(All may offer their personal prayers of confession silently.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father No. 579

ANTHEM

Teach Me, O Lord (11:00)
(Text: Psalm 119: 33 / Music: Thomas Attwood)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes; And I shall keep it unto the end.

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16, 21-24 N.T. 193

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Growing Into the New Year”

THE OFFERING

(The people offer their first fruits and tithes to the Lord.)

OFFERTORY

Clap Your Hands (11:00)
(Text: from Psalm 47 / Music: Nancy Roberts)

Clap your hands, ye people, clap your hands! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
Hallelujah! Sing praises to our God, Lift your voice and sing, He is our King!
Clap your hands . . .

* DOXOLOGY Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow No. 592

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

* CLOSING HYMN Love Divine, All Love Excelling No. 376

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

III. Allegro (11:00) J. S. Bach
(from Concerto in D major after Vivaldi, BWV 972)

The communion table flowers are given by Wayne & Susan Arntsen
in memory of Lorraine Arntsen.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon
Scripture Readers

Trumpet

Choral Music
Organist
Director of Music

Dr. Chuck Guth
Barb Dotts (8:00)
Richard Damisch (11:00)
Christopher Martin (11:00),
principal trumpet,
Chicago Symphony Orchestra
Village Church Choir (11:00)
Margaret Wilson
Dr. Donald Chen

Celebration Service **9:30 a.m.**

Scripture for Meditation 2 Thessalonians 1:3

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Welcome and Announcements

Passing the Peace of Christ

Praise and Prayer

How Great Is Our God

(Christ Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Ed Cash, 2004)

Marvelous Light

(Charlie Hall, 2005)

(Children may go to Sunday school at this time.)

Prayer of Confession

Amazing Grace (My Chairs Are Gone)

(John Newton, arr. by Louie Giglio and Chris Tomlin, 2006)

Scripture Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16, 21-24 N.T. 193

Sermon "Growing Into the New Year"

Offering Prayers of the People

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Closing Song Shout to the North
(Martin Smith, 1995)

Invitation to Prayer

Blessing

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SERMON NOTES

WINTER BLESSINGS

God created each season for a reason. Help us to embrace this winter with a grateful heart as we count our many blessings. Winter is a time for quiet reflection; as we ask our Lord for direction in the new year, may we welcome winter with open arms.

The spiral in the winter display visually represents wind, movement, and the energy of nature. It is also a positive symbol that has been associated with the cycles of time; the seasons, the cycle of birth, growth, death and then rebirth. The spiral is the journey of life. May we give thanks to God for all our blessings and in every season be able to say: "Blessed be the name of the Lord!"

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon
Scripture Readers
Prayers
Praise Music

Dr. Chuck Guth
Dan Westel
Diana Maschoff
The Worship Band
Celebration Singers

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Know God Through Christ
Grow In Our Faith
Go Witness And Serve

The Village
Presbyterian Church

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