

November 14, 2021
25th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *Clair de lune* Debussy
Andante con espressione Mozart
from Piano Sonata no. 9 in D Major

MINUTE FOR MISSION Rex Hauser

OPENING SENTENCES *Ps. 118:1; Isa. 12:2; Heb. 10:23*
Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Surely God is our salvation;
trust in the Lord and do not be afraid.
Hold fast to your hope without wavering,
for God who has promised is faithful.
Let us worship God!

CHORAL INTROIT "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN #60** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

CALL TO CONFESSION *Matt. 5:6*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
O Lord our God,
you call us to work for a world
where all will be fed and have dignity,
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.
You call us to seek justice and peace,
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.
You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,
but we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us, O Lord.
Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,
so that all may know your justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Isa. 43:1, 19*
... we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN #542 "Near to the Heart of God" MCAFEE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
... God of grace, hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING *Acts 20:35*

OFFERTORY "Holy, Holy, Holy" Heber; arr. Forrest

+**RESPONSE #809** *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *from The Confession of 1967*
The New Testament is the recorded testimony of apostles to the coming of the Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth, and the sending of the Holy Spirit to the Church. The Old Testament bears witness to God's faithfulness in his covenant with Israel and points the way to the fulfillment of God's purpose in Christ. The Old Testament is indispensable to understanding the New, and is not itself fully understood without the New.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Samuel 1:1-20

CANTICLE *Canticle of Hannah* 1 Samuel 2:1-4, 7-8
My heart exults in the LORD;
my strength is exalted in my God.
There is none holy like the LORD;
there is none beside you, no rock like our God.
For you, O LORD, are a God of knowledge;
and by you our actions are weighed.
The bows of the mighty are broken;
but the feeble gird on strength.

You, LORD, make poor and make rich;
you bring low and you also exalt.
You raise up the poor from the dust,
and lift the needy from the ash heap.
You make them sit with princes,
and inherit a seat of honor.
For yours, O LORD, are the pillars of the earth;
and on them you have set the world.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 13:1-18

RESPONSE *John 6:68-69*
The words of eternal life,
by which we have come to believe.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Give Me Jesus" Traditional Spiritual;
arr. Courtney

SERMON "By a Single Offering..." Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN #609** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" SHOWALTER

+**BLESSING** *Ps. 121:8*
... and forevermore.
Amen.

+**CHARGE** *1 Cor. 16:13-14*
... Let all that you do be done in love.
Thanks be to God.

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Threefold Amen" Danish

POSTLUDE *Trust and Obey Medley* Towner, arr. Bagrazyan

**Join us for fellowship after worship
in the Memorial Room.**

SERVING US TODAY
Liturgist: Kelli Green
Greeters: Michelle Mackey and Will Ozee
Sound: Andrew Pinches
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Guest Musicians: David Hall (trumpet),
David O'Donnell (trombone), Catherine Lee (tympani)
Today's flowers are given by
Tammy & Steve Sowles
in memory of Spencer's birthday.

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 15. What do you believe when you say that God is “Maker of heaven and earth”?

First, that God called heaven and earth, with all that is in them, into being out of nothing simply by the power of God’s Word. Second, that by that same power all things are upheld and governed in perfect wisdom, according to God’s eternal purpose.

Question 16. What does it mean to say that we human beings are created in the image of God?

That God created us to live together in love and freedom — with God, with one another, and with the world. Our distinctive capacities — reason, imagination, volition and so on — are given primarily for this purpose. We are created to be loving companions of others so that something of God’s goodness may be reflected in our lives.

A PRAYER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Almighty God,
bless those who hold office
in the government of this city,
that they may do their work
in a spirit of wisdom, kindness, and justice.
Help them to use their authority to serve faithfully
and to promote the general welfare;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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WORSHIP

10:00 am on Sundays

DAILY PRAYER

search for “Daily Prayer (Presbyterian Book of Common Worship)”
in your podcast app, or go to www.buzzsprout.com/1466482

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday	<i>Jesus In Me</i> Study	2:00 pm
Wednesday	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	4:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:15 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Thursday	Session	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s sabbath	
Saturday	Yarners	10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Kyle McGonigal	Nov. 15
Jason Blonshine	Nov. 16
Mari Nivol	Nov. 19

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Numbers 6:24-26