

New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church
Celebration of Worship
January 14, 2018

Striking of the Hour *“Come Christians Join to Sing”*

Call to Worship (Deuteronomy 18)

People of God, the LORD your God has raised up for you a prophet better than Moses from among the sons of men. It is to Him that you shall listen!

Liturgy of the Word (*Westminster Larger Catechism*, 43; John 15)

The Lord Jesus continues to reveal to His Church the whole will of God through His word and by the Holy Spirit. He now says to us, **“No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends. For all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.”** Let us now hear His word, for in it is life!

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6)

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

Hymn: *“Immortal, Invisible”*

Hymn: *“The Church's One Foundation”*

Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon (1 Kings 17; Matthew 25; Luke 7)

Father of mercy and life, we bring before You the lifelessness left by our sins. Cleanse us, we pray. **We confess to grumbling, complaining, and refusing to believe that You are good to us, especially when we suffer loss and hardship. We often believe ourselves to be more compassionate than You, seeing You as a hard God who hands out judgment with glee and doles out mercy with a small spoon. Through Your eternal love to us in Jesus, show our poor opinions of You to be the lies they are. Instead,**

give us the resurrection life of Christ, that our hearts may rejoice in Your lavish love. And forgiving our sin once again through Your Son, give strength to our repentance that it may persevere.

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (Colossians 2)

Church, though you were once dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with Christ. **By His grace He has forgiven us all our sins by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. He has set it aside, having nailed it to the cross of Jesus forever. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

A reading from 1 Kings: Elijah the prophet displays the compassion, the power and the glory of God in the life of a poor woman. (1 Kings 17:8-24)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Doxology *“Come Christians Join to Sing”*

Preparation for Baptism (From Deuteronomy 6 and Acts 2)

Hear, O Israel: **The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.**

Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of His Holy Spirit. **For this promise is for us and for our children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the LORD our God calls to Himself.**

Words of Instruction

Sign of God’s Covenant in Baptism

Hymn: *“Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You”*

Sermon: *“Newsworthy”* (Luke 7:11-17)

Hymn: *“Abide with Me”*

Hymn: *“Arise, My Soul, Arise”*

Parting Liturgy (Luke 7)

Church, a Great Prophet has truly arisen among us. He is Christ the Lord!
**Through Him God has visited His people! Through Him we have hope
for rescue from sin and death both today and tomorrow!**

Benediction (Hebrews 13)

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.