

**New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church**  
**Celebration of Worship**  
**January 7, 2018**

**Striking of the Hour**    (*“Doxology”*)

**Call to Worship** (Matthew 28)

Church, all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to the Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we come before our living God.

**Liturgy of the Word** (Malachi 4; Isaiah 53; Luke 7)

The Sun of Righteousness has arisen with healing in His wings. **Upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed.** He comes to make His blessings abound to young and old, rich and poor, insiders and outsiders. **By the word of His power and grace He heals His people wherever He finds them. Praise be to His name!**

**Invocation**

**Hymn:** *“Psalm 96b: Let the Earth Rejoice!”*

**Hymn:** *“O God of Our Salvation”*

**Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon** (Luke 7 and James 1)

Father of grace and mercy, we must confess that we truly are not worthy of the grace You have given us in Christ. **Yet, we have convinced ourselves that our worthiness is of great depth in so many ways. We believe we have earned the comfort and material blessings surrounding us. In our view, our education and professional station is all due us because of our hard work. It is not a great leap for us to also believe that You owe us spiritual delights, healthy bodies, and emotional peace. And yet on every page of Scripture You remind us that every good and perfect gift from You is a gift of grace. Forgive us for our pride and self-centered religion. Restore to us the joyful humility that only the gospel brings.**

*Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.*

**Assurance of Pardon** (Revelation 5 and Colossians 1)

Christians, though you have no worth in yourselves to offer the Father in exchange for Jesus' healing, be encouraged: **For worthy is the Lamb who was slain to**

**receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! By the gracious will of our Father, we are in Him, and He is in us. In Christ, we are forever worthy! Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading**

A reading from the Minor Prophet: Habakkuk debates the LORD's care of Israel, and learns that God's redemptive plan is greater than he imagined. (Habakkuk 1, 2)

### **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

**Doxology** (*"Doxology"*)

**Sermon:** *"Amazing Faith"* (Luke 7:1-10)

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Words of Institution and Fencing the Table** (Luke 22)

The Lord eagerly desired to give Himself to us, His disciples, in the bread and the wine. So giving thanks, He took the bread and broke it, saying:

**This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.**

The Lord eagerly looked forward to the coming kingdom of God when this meal will find its fulfillment. So after supper he took the cup, saying:

**This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.**

Come to the Table...

**Communion Hymn:** *"Alas and Did My Savior Bleed"*

**Communion Hymn:** *"Jesus, I Come"*

**Communion Hymn:** *“The Love of Christ is Rich and Free”*

**Communion Hymn:** *“O Love Incomprehensible”*

**Parting Liturgy** (1 Thessalonians 2 and Psalm 121)

Church, the Lord Jesus encourages us to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls us into His own kingdom and glory. **The sun shall not strike us by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep us from all evil; He will keep our lives. The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**

**Benediction** (Philippians 4)

May the Lord our God supply your every need according to His riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever.

**Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.**