

New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church
Celebration of Worship
November 12, 2017

Striking of the Hour *“God All Nature Sings Thy Glory”*

Call to Worship (Psalm 147)

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

Liturgy of the Word (Psalm 147)

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. **Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.** The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked to the ground. **His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor His pleasure in the legs of a man, but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love.**

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

Hymn: *“Psalm 42: O My Soul, Hope in God”*

Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon (Mark 8)

Our Heavenly Father, together we ask that You show mercy to us for Jesus' sake and forgive our sins. **We know that He is the Christ, the Son of the living God, who came to suffer and die and rise again to gain life for all who believe. Yet in the weakness of our faith we hesitate to take up our cross and follow Him. In love with the comfort of this life, we refuse to lose what has only fleeting value. Or fearful of losing the life we**

know, we strive to preserve it at great cost to our souls. We confess, O God, that our words, thoughts and actions often betray our shame of Your gospel. Forgive us, Father, and give us strength by Your Spirit to trust You. Make us whole in Christ, and we will give praise to Your name.

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (Colossians 1)

Believers in Jesus, though you once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, God has now reconciled you by the death of His Son. **Thanks be to God who presents us holy and blameless and above reproach in Jesus! For through Him God has reconciled to Himself all things, even us, making peace by the blood of His cross. Amen.**

New Testament Reading

A reading from the Epistles: With an ironic tone, Paul challenges the pride of his Corinthian friends that they might imitate him in humility. (1 Corinthians 4:7-16)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Doxology “God All Nature Sings Thy Glory”

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: *“Jesus Loses”* (Mark 8:27-38)

Hymn: *“Jesus I My Cross Have Taken”*

Hymn: *“Nothing but the Blood of Jesus”*

Parting Liturgy (Philippians 2)

Remember that Jesus humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. **Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Benediction (Romans 16)

Now to Him who is able to strengthen you according to the gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, to the only wise God be glory forevermore!

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.