

New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church
Celebration of Worship
November 5, 2017

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

Call to Worship (1 Peter 1)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!

Liturgy of the Word (1 Peter 2)

As we come to Him, the living Stone – rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to Him – we also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood. **In faith we offer spiritual sacrifices that they may be acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.** You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God. **So let us declare the praises of God who called us out of darkness and into His wonderful light!**

Invocation

Hymn: *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

Hymn: *“Psalm 96b”*

Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon (1 Peter 2 and John 17)

O Lord, renew Your mercy to us in Christ we pray, for our sin is very great. **By the work of Your Spirit through the life of Your Son You have built us together into one people, the Church. And so You have urged us, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against our soul. Yet we confess that we have given in to malice and deceit, hypocrisy and envy so that our witness of You to the world is distorted. Even as You have united us with Christ, O God, unite our hearts with one another so that the world may know that You have loved us. Sanctify us by the truth of Your Word, and give us the full measure of Your joy so that we might glorify You in all things.**

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (John 17) and Intercessory Prayer

Beloved of God, in this world you will have trouble. But take heart! Jesus Christ has overcome the world. **We know that everything Jesus has given comes from the Father. We know this gospel with certainty, and have believed. He protects us even now by the power of His Name that we may be one in the gracious forgiveness of the one true God! Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Psalms: ?? (Psalm 72: 1-11, 17)

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”*

Sermon: *“One”* (Ephesians 2:11-22)

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 (1 Peter 1)

You, Church, were redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for our sake.

Through Him you believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and glorified Him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

Now, having been purified by obeying the truth, let us love one another deeply, from the heart, even as we unite at His table.

Come to the Table...

Communion Hymn: *“We Are Children”*

Communion Hymn: *“The Church’s One Foundation”*

Communion Hymn: *“O Church Arise”*

Communion Hymn: *“For All the Saints”*

Parting Liturgy (Ephesians 3)

Out of God’s glorious riches He strengthens you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. **How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ! With this love we are filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.**

Benediction (Ephesians 1)

Now may the grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.