

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 174 *Madeleine*
“Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom”

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison) 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.**

Pastoral Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayer for the People and Lord's Prayer Choral Amen
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy
name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever.**

Call to Stewardship
All undesignated cash goes to the Compassion Fund.

Offertory arr. Robert J. Powell
“We Walk by Faith”

*Congregational Response Hymn 606 *Old Hundredth*
Doxology
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Hymn 307 *Cwm Rhondda*
“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*Invitation to Discipleship

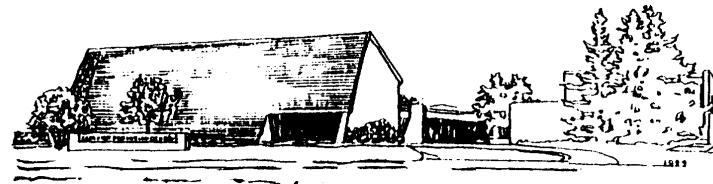
*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Choral Response Hal H. Hopson
“Whatsoever You Do”

Whatsoever you do in word or deed,
Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
Give thanks to God by Him.

*Peace of Christ
The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

*Closing Voluntary J.S. Bach
“Prelude in G Minor”



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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

August 25, 2019

10:40 A.M.

Seeking Understanding When Everything Falls Apart

**The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.
Additional worshipers may enter as the congregation sings.*

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to worship at Grace First Presbyterian Church! As we light the Christ Candle, we are reminded that Jesus is the light of the world. As we pour the Baptismal Waters in the Font, we recall our baptism and newness of life. As we bring in the Bible, we remember the centrality of the Word. We worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. ***(Please sign the attendance register, pass it down the pew, and then back so everyone can greet those worshiping near you.)***

Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary arr. Dale Wood
“Prelude on O Store Gud”

Entrance of Baptismal Water, the Christ Light,
and the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Come in from the night.

It is a new day, and this is where love lives.

Take off your coat, let the weight fall off your shoulders;

For here, you are known. Here, you are loved.

Come in from the rain.

We can do anything together. We can survive together.

When the world unravels from under your feet—
come in.

Come in.

Come in.

God is here. You are home. You will never be alone.

Let us worship the God who weaves us together.
Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 459

“O Word of God Incarnate”

Munich

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, We have been angry because we see suffering and we don’t understand. We have been skeptical because we know heartbreak that doesn’t seem fair. We have withheld love because sacrifice only feels real when it’s our own. Forgive us for forgetting that you created the heavens and the earth. Forgive us for withholding our pain from you. Forgive us for thinking that we know everything. When the world falls apart around us—when love unravels and life slowly fails—draw us in. Show us grace; for you gave the wind its weight and you gave our bodies life. Forgive us for forgetting that...

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response Hymn 761 (v.1) *Beecher*

**Called as partners in Christ’s service,
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God’s chosen end.**

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry

Johannes Herbst

“Seek Ye Countess in All Places”

Seek His Countess in all Places

For they who look upon Him and come to Him,
They shall know his face and not be parted from him.

Children’s Time

Children’s Worship

Children up through 5th grade may leave the Sanctuary at this time. Following worship, parents should pick up their child in room 6.

First Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-10

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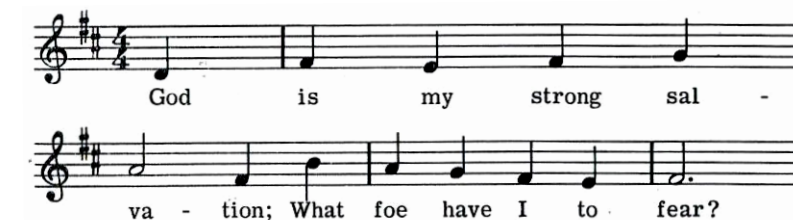
The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 71:1-6 Pew Bible Page 532 Cantor: Deb Kaiser

Melchior Vulpus
Arr. Hal H. Hopson

Refrain



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Second Reading

Job 28:12-28

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Sermon

The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz