

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. Michael Burkhardt
“God Himself Is Present”

Congregational Response Hymn606 *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

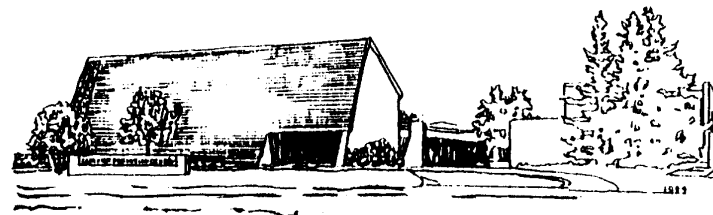
*Hymn 305 *Darwall's 148th*
 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Choral Response M.P. Parish
**As we go from God's house today,
 let us go out to love and serve one another,
 through the grace of Christ, our Lord.
 Alleluia!**

*Closing Voluntary Paul Manz
 "Prelude on *Cwm Rhondda*"



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And whatever you do,
in word or deed,
do everything
in the name of
the Lord Jesus...

Colossians 3:17, NRSV



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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

August 26, 2018

10:40 A.M.

Genesis Sunday

**The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.
Additional worshippers 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 worshipping in their pew.)**

Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary arr. Rulon Christiansen
“Prelude on *Simple Gifts*”

Chimes The Entrance of the Bible

Call to Worship

Come, people of God, to worship!

We are one community, bound together by the one who created us.

Let your hearts be filled with joy!

We are nourished by God’s word and presence.

Receive new life and love in Christ!

With open hearts and ready spirits, we come.

Let us worship God together!

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 39 *Faithfulness*
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of mercy, you show us over and over again that you love us and want to be in full relationship with us. You remind us of the power of your Spirit, that continually gives us new life and strength for the journey. You ask for participation in your reign of love and grace.

We confess that we often fall short. We do not believe that, when you say “all” you mean even us; we wait for a miracle we expect rather than participating with you to make a miracle happen. Forgive our unbelief and help us to have the confidence to boldly speak the mystery and joy of the gospel. Amen.

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response 418 (v.3) *Softly and Tenderly*
**O for the wonderful love he has promised,
Promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned,
he has mercy and pardon, Pardon for you and for me.
“Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home.”
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling,
“O sinner, come home!”**

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry Robert J. Powell
“The Lord Has Heard My Voice”
Sanctuary Choir
I love the Lord, because He has heard
the voice of my supplication,
because He has inclined His ear to me
whenever I called upon Him.
I love the Lord, because He has heard
the voice of my supplication.
Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

Old Testament Reading
Psalm 19

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A reading from The Psalms
Thanks be to God.

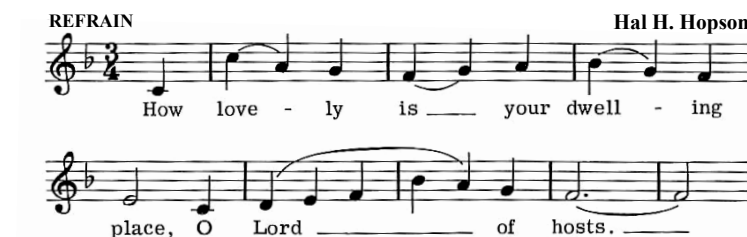
Children’s Time

Pastor David

Children’s Worship

*Kids up through 5th grade may go to Children’s
Worship. All others stay in the sanctuary.*

Psalm 84 Pew Bible Page 543 Cantor: Dave Deison



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Sermon Text
Colossians 3:8-17

Pew Bible
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Sermon

The Rev. David A. Slyter
KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 275 *Ein’ Feste Burg*
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

*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**