

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison) *Confession of 1967*  
9.31 **To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate men from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.**

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 Wilbur Held  
Hymn Prelude on *Aberystwyth*”

\*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**

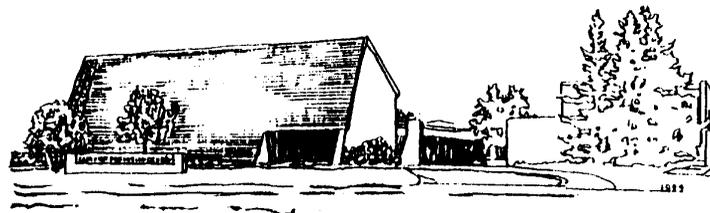
\*Hymn 307 *CWM Rhondda*  
“God of Grace and God of Glory”

\*Invitation to Discipleship

\*Charge and Benediction (Responsive)  
How can a mortal receive eternal life?  
**With God all things are possible.**  
Go forth then to love and serve the Lord!

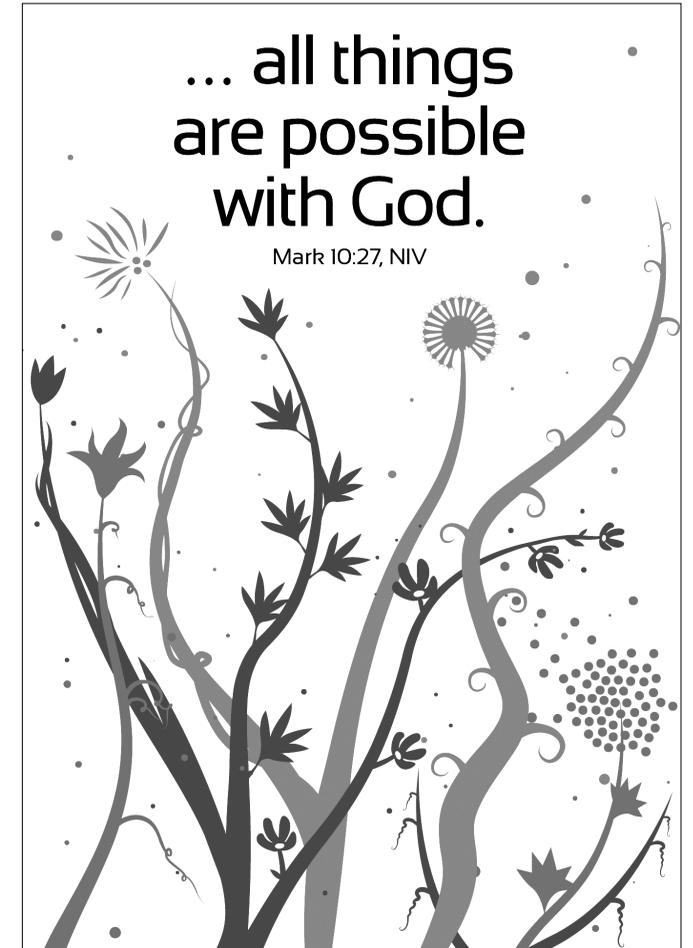
\*Closing Choral Response Richard B. Colligan  
“O Christ, Surround Me”  
**Christ in the eyes of all who see me,  
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,  
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:  
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

\*Closing Voluntary Malcolm Archer  
“Festival Finale”



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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP**

October 14, 2018

10:40 A.M.

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

*\*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**

Dedication of Choir Robes and Crosses

Opening Voluntary

*Schonster Herr Jesu*  
arr. Cathy Moglebust

“Meditation on *Beautiful Savior*”  
Sanctuary Handbells

Chimes

The Entrance of the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Lord, teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!**

Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

**Almighty God, we come before you this morning with thankful hearts for the many blessings you have given us. May we be ever mindful of your loving presence today and everyday as we seek to do your will. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

\*Hymn 12

*St. Denio*

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God, we thank you for your eternal presence in our midst and for the good news of your deep abiding love for all of creation. Even as we give thanks, we lift up the concerns that burden us this day. These concerns are of our own making: polluted earth and failure to share. We ask your forgiveness, peace, and blessing on all of us. Keep us in the safe sanctuary of your Spirit’s care. With gratitude for the love that will not let us go, we pray in the silence of our own hearts.**

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Congregational Response Hymn 835 Refrain *Closer Walk*

**Just a closer walk with thee,  
grant it Jesus, is my plea,  
daily walking close to thee:  
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**Proclaiming the Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry

*Hanson Place*  
arr. Victor C. Johnson

“At the River”

Sanctuary Choir

**Shall we gather at the river where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?**

**Yes, we’ll gather at the river, the beautiful river, gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

**Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown.**

**Soon we’ll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver,  
with the melody of peace.**

Scripture Reading

Job 32:1-9, 16-17

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A reading from the Book of Job  
**Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Time

Pastor Edie

Children’s Worship

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

Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17

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Cantor: Dave Young

Refrain

Hal H. Hopson



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Mark 10:17-31

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Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Edie A. Gause

*POSSESSIONS—WHAT A BURDEN!*

**Responding to the Word**

\*Hymn 834

*Precious Lord*

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”