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A reading from the Gospel of Mark
Thanks be to God

Sermon
The Rev. Edie A. Gause
A FAMILY MATTER

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 716
Beach Spring
“God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Minute For Mission
Mission & Outreach

*Litany For Veterans Day (Please see insert)

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
Martin Luther
arr. John W. Fields
“A Mighty Fortress”
Sanctuary Handbells

*Congregational Response Hymn 647 Give Thanks
Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we’re given
Jesus Christ, the Son!

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
Let the poor say, "We are rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks.
Give thanks.

*Offertory Prayer

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Hymn 712
Forest Green
“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction
‘Go now,’ God says to us in this moment.
And so, we will go to share from our abundance with all who live in scarcity’s shadows.
‘Go now to serve,’ Jesus challenges us in this moment.
And so, we will join in building neighborhoods of justice, in keeping faith with all who have been forgotten.
‘Go now to understand,’ the Spirit urges us in this moment.
And so, we will go to watch (and learn from) those who welcome outsiders into their lives.

*Closing Choral Response Dickinson College
“May God Support You All Your Days”


May God support you all your days,
in times of gladness and in need.
May God remember you with grace
and bless your every word and deed.

*Closing Voluntary William Mathias
“Fanfare”

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“...she... put in everything - all she had...”

Mark 12:44






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November 11, 2018 10:40 A.M.

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

Welcome to worship at Grace First Presbyterian Church! Let us worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Today as we celebrate the lives of our veterans we are also grateful for the freedom they won for us. Let us be mindful of those who merely wish for this freedom. **(Please sign the attendance register, pass it down the pew, and then back so everyone can greet those worshipping in their pew.)**

Opening Voluntary Sydney H. Nicholson
arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

“Lift High the Cross”
Sanctuary Handbells

Call to Worship
We gather to praise our God.
**The One who created everything; the One who
keeps faith with us.**
We gather to follow Jesus.
**Who comes to build justice on the ruins of
despair; who comes to set us free from our
fears.**
We gather to listen to the Holy Spirit.
**Who teaches us to care for the most vulnerable;
who shows us how to see the forgotten in our
midst.**

*Hymn 36 *Ar Hydy Nos*
 “For The Fruit of All Creation”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

In these moments, we must confess that we have listened more to the politicians, the wealthy, the celebrities than to you, Faithful God. We have failed to keep faith with those around us. We have let others become captive to the angry words that have no life. We have pushed aside those around us in our eagerness to follow those whose words offer only empty air and broken promises.

Forgive us, Merciful God, for not noticing all who give from their scarcity, when we have so much. Forgive us for watching out more for ourselves than keeping an eye on families who suffer. Forgive us for caring more about ourselves than for those who are more vulnerable. Forgive us and strengthen us to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

***Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him;
Praise Him, angels in the height;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Praise Him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for He hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed;
And laws, that never shall be broken,
for their guidance He hath made.***

**Praise the God of our salvation;
Angel hosts His power proclaim;
For heaven and earth, and all creation,
Praise and worship, and magnify His Name!**

A reading from the Book of Ruth
Thanks be to God.

Children's Worship

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

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The Lord is might-y for-ev-er.

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