

Responding to the Word

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

*Affirmation of Faith

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. H. Alexander Matthews
“Prelude on *Galilee*”

*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 729 *I Want To Be A Christian*
“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

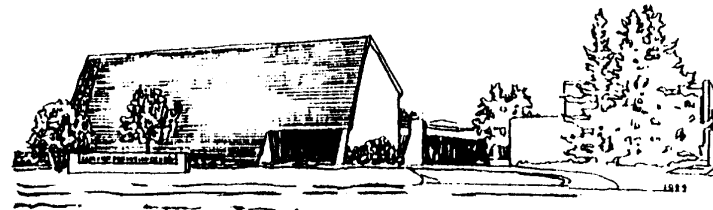
*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Choral Response William G. Tomer
“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”
Sanctuary Choir

**God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd’s care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again**

*Closing Voluntary Hal H. Hopson
“Prelude on *Coronation*”



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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

September 23, 2018

10:40 A.M.

Eighteenth 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

Opening Voluntary

Nettleton

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

“Come, Thou Fount, of Every Blessing”

Handbell Ringers

Susie Bossert, Sue Jones,

Cathy Zellers and Linda Young

Chimes

The Entrance of the Bible

Call to Worship

Let us draw near to God.

And may God draw near to us.

Let us seek the wisdom that comes from above.

And may we be humble and pure in heart.

Let us worship God.

And may we be ready to receive God’s grace, so that we may live as God’s faithful people.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 408

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God, there are many expectations for our lives. We realize that we aren’t perfect. We have made misstep after misstep. We have not lived as graciously as we know we could. We have forgotten kindness and generosity. Help us to turn our lives toward you and the way you would have us live. We want to be people of compassion and mercy, ones who serve instead of requiring service. Forgive us and restore us in your eyes and in your presence. Amen.

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response

Hymn 697 (v. 3)

Hendon

**Take my voice and let me sing,
always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.**

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry

Pisgah

arr. Alice Parker

“When I Can Read My Title Clear”

Sanctuary Choir

**When I can read my title clear
to mansions in the skies,
I’ll bid farewell to every fear
and wipe my weeping eyes**

**Should earth against my soul engage,
and hellish darts be hurled,
then I can smile at Satan’s rage
and face a frowning world.**

**Let cares like a wild deluge come,
and storms or sorrow fall,
may I but safely reach my home,
my God, my Heav’n, my All.**

**There shall I bathe my weary soul
in seas of heav’nly rest,
and not a wave of trouble roll
across my peaceful breast.**

Scripture Reading

Mark 9:30-37

Pew Bible

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A reading from the Gospel of Mark
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 1 Pew Bible Page 489 Cantor: Rusty Crownover

REFRAIN

Martin Luther
Arr. Hal H. Hopson

God's word shall be — our last — ing joy, a
lamp and light for — ev — er — more.

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James 3:13-4:3

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Sermon

The Rev. David A. Slyter

GODLY VS WORLDLY WISDOM