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Jesus said,
"Let the little
children come
to me"

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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

October 21, 2018

10:40 A.M.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

**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 worshipping in their pew.)**

PNC Update

Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary

“How Will They Know”
Sanctuary Choir

How will they know, the ones for whom we care,
that God is love and with us everywhere,
That life is good with blessing all can share?
How will they know unless we teach them so?

How will they learn that though they go astray,
God will forgive and help them find the way?
How will they feel the Spirit day by day?
How will they know unless we teach them so?

How will they grow in wisdom and delight?
How will they choose to follow what is right?
How can they trust the future will be bright?
How will they know unless we show them?

How will they live when they at last are grown?
What will they give to children of their own?
Will they reflect the values we have shown?
How will they know as on through life they go?
How will they know unless we strive to teach them so?

Natalie Sleeth

Cherub Choir

Abigail Furst
Everly Gonzales
Townes Gonzales
Camille Huerta
Able James
Allie Mittendorf
Colin Rosché
Ayla Siebuhr
Lily Sieburh
Charlotte Varnon
Abrianna Watson

Carol Choir

Hadley Brice
Townes Coleman
Charlotte Furst
Kennedy Gerber
Quinn Kahlden
Eric Huerta
Jake Mittendorf
Jack Skalak
Luca Skalak

&
Benjamin Baggett as one of
Jesus' Disciples

Readers

Maverick Roe
Charlotte Furst
Kennedy Gerber
Eric Huerta
Hudson Kahlden
Quinn Kahlden
Jake Mittendorf
Jack Skalak

*Special thanks to Cathy Zellers, Emily Gonzales, Jamie Mittendorf,
Kelly Baggett, Jean Thomason, David Slyter, Marialice Parish and Linda Young
who faithfully worked with the children preparing them for today's service.
Thanks to all the children and youth for their leadership and participation today.*

Pastoral Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayer for the People and Lord’s Prayer (Unison)

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. Amen.

Call to Stewardship

Offertory arr. Michael Burkhardt
“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

*Offertory 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 691 *Land Of Rest*
“Lord, When I Came Into This Life”

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Choral Response *Ar Hydy Nos*
“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”
Sanctuary Choir

**“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

*Closing Voluntary Douglas E. Wagner
“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

Chimes

The Entrance of the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive)

On this Children’s Sabbath, we call on you, Eternal God. You sent us Jesus, hope of the world, who came to us first as a child in poverty, who fled the threat of violence as a refugee with his family. Humble beginnings for a life on this earth which would overflow with love.

When the disciples tried to keep the children from Jesus, Jesus said “Let the little children come to me!”

When the disciples wanted to send hungry people away, saying there were too many to feed, Jesus said “We can feed them!”

When a parent whose child was in terrible trouble came to Jesus, Jesus said he would help.

When a woman with very, very little gave what she could, Jesus honored her generosity.

On this Children’s Sabbath, we gather in the name of Jesus who welcomed the children, fed the hungry, helped children in trouble and recognized the gift given from scarcity. On this Children’s Sabbath and every day after, let us follow Him as faithful disciples in word and in deed.

Let us worship God!

Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

Mighty God, sometimes you seem so far away from us – bigger and mightier than we can even imagine. But you remind us – by the warm hug of a parent or the smile of a friend – that you are always so very near to us. Help us in this hour of worship, God, to know you are right here with us right now. And may our worship be faithful and true today. Amen.

*Hymn 69 *Here I Am*
“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of great and small, old and young, the powerful and the helpless, we confess that our love is not like your love. In the face of injustice, we look away. We feel helpless or hopeless to effect change. We give in to despair about the poverty around us, the violence against our children in their schools, and families torn apart by forces more powerful than they are. Forgive us our despair and our inaction. Help us to work, in your name, with energy and zeal for safety and justice for all children. Help us to walk humbly with you, opening our arms to all children as did the one we follow and in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response Hymn 188 *Jesus Loves Me*
**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.**

***Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.***

**Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, “Let them come to me.”**

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Music Ministry Kevin R. Riehle
“Come, My Children, I Will Teach You”
Carol Choir

**Come, my children, I will teach you of the goodness of the Lord.
God, your guardian, never sleeping, never slumb’ring, give the Word:
“I will keep you, I will keep you, as the apple of my eye.”**

**From your birth you were protected by the watermark of grace;
God is here from life’s beginning speaking love into this place.
“I will hide you, I will hide you in the shadow of my wings.”**

New Testament Reading Pew Bible
John 1:35-51 Page 92

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Message

***“JESUS CALLS THE TWELVE”
... Jesus calls us all.***

Music Ministry “Jesus Called the Twelve Disciples” Linda Coalson Young
Carol Choir and Cherub Choir

**Jesus called them to be His disciples.
Jesus called them to come and follow Him.
Peter, Andrew, James and John,
Matthew, Simon and Bartholomew.
Jesus called them to be His disciples.
Jesus called them to come and follow Him.
Philip, Thomas, Thaddaeus, and James,
Judas, who betrayed Him, Mathias took his place.
Jesus called them to be His disciples.
Jesus called them to come and follow Him.
He calls us to follow Him, too.**

Responding to to the Word

Hymn 730 *Grande Isle*
“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)
**Faithful God, we affirm our call:
to teach our children to feel love and appreciation for all Your gifts of life;
to model for each of them a passion for peace and justice;
to live before them with courage to stand up for right and to struggle
against wrong; to demonstrate for them kindness for those who are weak,
needy, sad or afraid; to protect them from the destructive powers of
hatred, selfishness and envy; to live with faith and integrity no matter how
much the world would have us live otherwise; and to encourage them to
sing their own songs of joy and faith and to honor the songs of others.
Amen.**