

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.

Minute For Stewardship Cathy Zellers

Call to Stewardship
All undesignated cash goes to the Compassion Fund.

Offertory Wilbur Held
"Prelude on *The Ash Grove*"

*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 838 *Promises*
"Standing on the Promises"

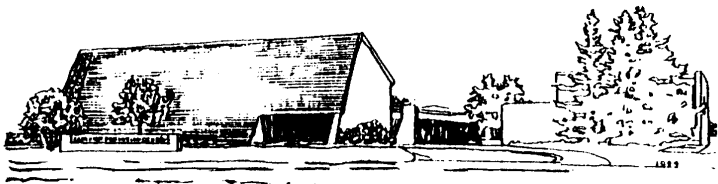
*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction (Responsive)
Go forth in joy;
God is with us.
Go forth to serve;
God is with us.
Go forth to give;
God is with us.
In all that we do and all that we are,
God is with us. Thanks be to God.

*Closing Choral Response William G. Tomer
"God Be with You"
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.

*Peace of Christ
The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

*Closing Voluntary Johann Pachelbel
"Prelude in E Minor"



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We must always
give thanks to God
for you ... because your

faith

is growing abundantly.

2 THESSALONIANS 1:3, NRSV

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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
November 10, 2019 10:40 A.M.

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

**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 near you.)***

Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary Ralph Vaughan Williams
"Rhosymedre"

Entrance of Baptismal Water, the Christ Light,
and the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive)

May God be before us to guide us.
May God be behind us to push us.
May God be beneath us to carry us.
May God be above us to protect us.
So that we may trust in God's presence this
and every day!
Let us worship God.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 275 *Ein' Feste Burg*
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess before you, not our doubts or questions, but rather our fear of giving them all to you. We fear your rejection because we ask and doubt. Help us learn to trust your promises and your faithfulness as deeply and passionately as Jesus did, for we pray in Jesus' name.

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response Hymn 835 v. 3 *Closer Walk*
**When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore,
dear Lord, to thy shore.**

***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 Anton Bruckner
"Locust Iste"
Sanctuary Choir
Locus iste a Deo factus est,
Inaestimabile sacramentum
Irreprehensibilis est.

Children's Moment The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz

Children's Worship

First Reading Luke 20:27-38
Pew Bible: Page 84

The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:1-5; 17-21 Pew Bible Page 581
Cantor: John Fields

Refrain Hal H. Hopson

God's love en - dures for - ev - er.

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Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5; 13-17
Pew Bible: Page 203

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Sermon The Rev. David A. Slyter

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 463 *Foundation*
"How Firm a Foundation"

*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 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.