

Morning Worship
November 16, 2008
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coming Together in Christ

10:55 AM MEDITATION (Please pause in quiet preparation for worship.)

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Canon in D

Johann Pachelbel

THE INTROIT

The World Abounds with God's Free Grace

The world abounds with God's free grace, what wonders bless the land! And on through boundless starry space, God's matchless works expand. Lord, teach us all an attitude that thanks You all our days, a love that shows our gratitude through deeds that live our praise.

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 122: 6-7, 8-9

Leader: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."

**People: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE #553

For the Fruit of All Creation

"East Acklam"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

O thou gracious and gentle and condescending God, thou God of peace, Father of mercy, God of all comfort; see, I lament before thee the evil of my heart; I acknowledge that I am too much disposed to anger, jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings between me and others. Too often have I thus offended and grieved both thee, O long-suffering Father, and my fellow-men. Oh, forgive me this sin, and suffer me to partake of the blessing which thou hast promised to the peacemakers, who shall be called the children of God.

—Johann Arndt 1558-1621

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#63, Lift Up Your Hearts

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us. (repeat)

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

John Dillon

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#28, Lift Up Your Hearts

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! (repeat)

Hearing God's Word

ANTHEM

Children of Purpose
The Children's Choir

Philip Spencer

Children of purpose, children called, called to bring hope to all people of the world. Children of purpose, children called, called to inherit the kingdom of God!
Called to love, called to live, called to receive as well as give.
Called to work, called to rest, called to serve God with our best.
Called to sing, called to play, called to proclaim God's love this way.
Called to worship, called to pray, growing in God's grace each day.

(The children may come forward for worship bags after the Anthem.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #322

Spirit of the Living God

"Living God"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

1 Kings 17:7-16

pew Bible p. 309

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Philippians 4:12-20

pew Bible p. 187

THE SOLO

Psalm 23

Ralph Vaughan Williams

THE SERMON

"Opening a Credit Account with God"

Rev. Ben Tumuheirwe

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and of the manifestation of his own glory.

—Chapter 1, 3:01, Scots Confession

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

With Grace and Carefulness

John L. Bell

With grace and carefulness, O God, you tend as you designed;
your providence prepares the earth to prosper humankind.
You water furrows, level hills and soften ground with showers.
The earth produces kindly gifts; your grace its growth empowers.
Wherever harvest field are ripe your purpose is perceived.
The desert lands turn verdant green, the hills with joy are wreathed.
The meadows clothe themselves with sheep and valleys drip with grain.
They sing your praise, then shout aloud to praise your name again.

* THE DOXOLOGY

#592, The Hymnal

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* THE HYMN OF PARTING

O God, Without Whose Favor

"Aurelia"

**O God, without whose favor our toil builds nothing worth,
Grant us a heart of wisdom in use of Thy good earth.
Thy will makes all creation a parable profound,
And when we grasp its meaning we stand on holy ground.**

**Rich with the wealth of ages but poor in gratitude,
Too soon we cease from seeking Thy glory and man's good.
We fail Thee as Thy stewards when we, in haste for gain,
Deface the stately mountain and scar the fertile plain.**

**Teach us to work together within Thy holy sight
And build a nobler country with cities free from blight,
Where 'neath unsullied heavens all men from fear are free,
And one harmonious people lift up their hearts to Thee.**

**In vision of the future write hope and peril plain
That to our children's children this fair land may remain.
O Thou, without whose favor our toil builds nothing worth,
Grant us new will and wisdom in use of Thy good earth.**

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.)

* SUNG BENEDICTION

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
(Please join hands as we sing the Benediction)

Dennis

**Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.**

Going Forth in God's Love

* THE POSTLUDE

"Aurelia"

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand



VISIT THE S.O.S. (SPIRIT OF THE SEASON) MISSION FAIR & MARKET on **November 22 from 10 am to 2 pm.** Browse, learn about and support local charities on display. Purchase beautiful and meaningful gifts such as olive wood carvings, Pakistani scarves and others items from the third world. (Don't miss the display of handcrafted items from 10,000 Villages.) Then, stop and grab a bite to eat courtesy of *GAFOSAC*. Be sure to invite your friends to experience the S.O.S. (Spirit of the Season).

Music Notes

The music this morning reflects the harvest of the land and thanksgiving to God. The Offertory Anthem is a metrical paraphrase of Psalm 65 by Scottish composer and arranger, John Bell. Set to the tune of “Brother James’ Air,” this familiar tune reflects the joy of text. The Solo sets the most pastoral and verdant of psalms, No. 23. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 20th century English composer, has created a sweeping accompaniment line and beautiful vocal line, both of which culminate at “surely goodness and mercy.”

We welcome the Children’s Choir this morning, as they sing a rhythmical setting of a contemporary text which calls children to the Lord. We also thank Katie Kobert for providing the flute obligato for this great anthem.

Statement of Purpose

Our Church exists to worship God and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Spirit, we shall serve God’s Kingdom by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

Statement of Vision

We embrace open and progressive theology. Through education, training, worship and Session leadership we will realize our vision both individually and in community. We will be open to new ideas and programs while staying true to our beliefs and traditions. We will commit our personal and corporate resources to embody our Statement of Purpose. We will live our lives responsibly with honesty and integrity.

About The Affirmation of Faith

The PC (USA) Book of Confessions is a collection of Confessions from the church in many ages and many different situations. Therefore, its expressions of faith cover a multitude of theological opinions, many of which are obviously influenced by who participated in their preparation and the times and customs of their era. While not necessarily agreeing with every statement precisely, our Ministers, Elders, and Deacons swear to be guided by its principles and truths. We select a passage from one of these Confessions each month to experience and explore the breadth and depth of our heritage.

For the month of November, we will be using an extract from the *Scots Confession*. The *Scots Confession*, charter document of the Church of Scotland, emerged from a protracted period of political and ecclesiastical turmoil during which religious leadership often proved a risky business. In 1560, the Scottish Parliament commissioned six prominent ministers (John Douglas, John Knox, John Row, John Spottiswood, John Willock and John Winram) to write a statement of Protestant Christian faith. Knox, who during periods of exile had studied in Geneva with John Calvin and also ministered to the English-speaking congregation there, is generally thought to have exerted a strong influence over the document.

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (16)

- 9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages
Adult Sunday School Class in Chapel
- 10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Coffee Hour in the Library
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Rev. Ben Tumuheirwe, Guest Preacher
Children's Choir Singing, On the Air WCBC
- 12:00 PM Refreshments in the Library
- 4:30 PM GAFOSAC Meeting

MONDAY, NOVEMBER (17)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 11:45 AM Highlanders Lunch at Ruby Tuesday Restaurant

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER (18)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 5:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting
- 5:30 PM Pee Wee Basketball Practice at Baltimore St. YMCA
- 6:00 PM Christian Education Meeting
- 7:00 PM Session Budget Planning Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER (19)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 6:15 PM JoyBells Rehearsal
- 6:00 PM Middler & Girls Teams Basketball Practice at Cresaptown School
- 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Sr. High Boys Basketball Practice at Cresaptown School

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER (20)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 1:00 PM Presbytery Meeting at Ark & Dove

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER (21)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER (22)

- 10:00 AM Spirit of the Season Mission Fair & Market

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (23)

- 9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages
Adult Sunday School Class in Chapel
- 10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Coffee Hour in the Library
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, Christ the King Sunday,
Rev. Dr. Cindy Zirlott, Moment for Mission,
JoyBells Playing, On the Air WCBC