



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Wilbur Held

Guy Younce, organ

WELCOME

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

Stanzas 1, 4, & 5

Hymn can be found on page 5

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Read in unison)*

Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust your provision, we chase after our own wants and desires. Forgive us Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with your grace, for we know that you are the source of life, that fount of all that is good.

(Time for silent prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

**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.**

THE WORD

LESSON FOR CHILDREN

Lorie Williamson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Samuel Asiedu

FIRST READING

Psalm 33: 1-5, 13-22

SECOND READING

Joshua 24:1-3a, 13-25

SERMON

“Choose to Live”

Rev. Steve Jester

THE RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The French Reformed Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, our creator. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our redeemer. I believe in the Holy Spirit, our Comforter. I believe in the eternal God; in his holiness which condemns me, in his love which redeems me, in his presence which renews me. Amen

ANTHEM

Have You Not Known?

K. Lee Scott

The Octet

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you that the everlasting God
Dwells high in starry splendor?
His glory is unspeakable; his pow’r shall never fail.

Refrain: They that wait on the LORD shall renew their strength.
They shall mount up as eagles; they shall run and not grow weary;
They shall walk and never faint.

To whom will God, the LORD, compare?
Who can stand his equal? By his word he formed the heav’ns;
By his pow’r he e’er sustains them.
Vain rulers perish hopelessly; strong nations come to naught. (*Refrain*)

Then why complain, O Israel? Why downcast, O Jacob?
Do you think he does not see? Is your way now disregarded?
His knowledge is unsearchable, his wisdom strong and sure. (*Refrain*) – *Isaiah 40:21-31, adapted*

SHARING GRACE

Moment for Stewardship

Joy Sautter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Read responsively)*

“Eternal God, hear our prayer...”

The Lord's Prayer

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.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 724

O Jesus, I Have Promised
Stanzas 1 & 4
Hymn can be found on page 6

ANGEL'S STORY

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX
Guy Younce, organ

Benedetto Marcello

IN WORSHIP TODAY

SHARING GRACE THROUGH GIVING: We welcome you to visit our Giving page on our website, www.2ndpreslou.org/giving to fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. You can also give toward the COVID-19 Relief Fund. For our in-person worshippers, there are baskets at each exit in which to place your gifts. Giving by text message is also available: Text 844-584-2059 and enter the amount you wish to donate. Thank you for your faithful support!

OUR MUSIC AND PRODUCTION

The Octet of the Sanctuary Choir; Guy Younce, organist;
Evan Vicic, audio/video technician; Elder Nick Maloney, video

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WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Chuck Nesbitt and his family on the death of his mother, Gerry Nesbitt, 10/9/20.

Former Second Presbyterian associate pastor Harry Daniel on the death of his wife of 51 years, Betty Daniel, 10/7/20.*

Nina Hilbert on the death of her husband, Steve Hilbert, 10/6/20.

*Condolences may be sent to Harry at Harry Daniel, c/o Sarah R. Daniel, 187 Bryarly Road, Winchester, VA 22603.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Week of November 8

THE CONGREGATION IS CALLED TO MEET November 15, 2020, at 1 p.m., via Zoom. The purpose of this meeting is to elect ruling elders, deacons, trustees, and the 2021 Church Nominating Committee. In order to reach a quorum, we need 115 voting members of our congregation to attend. The link will be sent out November 13, 2020, via Seconds to Go, and will be sent again that Sunday morning.

Sunday School – “Who does God call you to be?” Children’s Sunday School for the month of November is based on the Disney/Pixar movie Coco. In last month’s Sunday school, based on the movie Moana, we learned who we are: a beloved child of God. Through the month of November, with the movie Coco, we will learn who God calls us to be. Each Sunday we will answer one of four questions: Can children be called by God? How can I recognize that call? Does God have a plan for me? How do I live out that plan? I hope you will have your child participate as we try to answer these big questions in simple ways. Coco Sunday School bags will be available for pick-up under the portico of the church on Sunday, November 1st and will continue to be available throughout the week during office hours, 9am-4pm. The bags contain materials that relate to a video lesson that will go out each Sunday morning via 2PK and will be posted on the church’s website under resources.

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor
Rev. Nathan Sautter, Assoc. Pastor for Community Life
Rev. Jordan Akin, Assoc. Pastor for Youth
Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Music Ministries
Lorie Williamson, Director of Children’s Ministries
Hayley Abell, Director of Weekday School
Christina Recktenwald, Children’s Choirs Coord.
Ricky Case, Children’s Choirs Coord.
Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate
Guy Younce, Interim Organist
Paula S. Roberts, Organist Emerita
Rev. Samuel Oboamah Asiedu, Seminary Intern

41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

724 O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near:
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.