

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

God of Grace

Paul Manz

Dr. Zachary Klobnak, Guest Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP *read responsively*

Jesus, Light of the World, we open the windows of our hearts:

Fill this house with the light of your grace!

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 803

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart
stanzas 1-4

MARION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Eternal God, too often we settle for the way things are. We embrace what is comfortable, and flee from necessary change. We hide from the challenges of following your call, and build walls that insulate us from your world. We turn blind eyes to your people in need, close our ears to your creation groaning for relief, and harden our hearts against the new thing you are doing. Forgive us, gracious God. Forgive our prayers asking for approval instead of seeking your will and your glory. Teach us to listen, teach us to serve, and teach us to follow you wherever you are going.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

from Hebrews 10

Therefore, since we have in Christ a great priest, let us approach in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean as we hold fast to the confession of our hope: **Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Grateful

John Bucchino

Krista Heckmann, mezzo soprano

*I've got a roof over my head
I've got a warm place to sleep
Some nights I lie awake
 counting gifts
Instead of counting sheep

I've got a heart that can hold love
I've got a mind that can think
There may be times when
 I lose the light
And let my spirits sink*

*But I can't stay depressed
When I remember how I'm blessed

Grateful, grateful
Truly grateful I am
Grateful, grateful
Truly blessed
And duly grateful

In a world full of strangers
I've got a family of friends*

*No matter what rocks
and brambles fill the way
I know that they will stay in the
end

I feel a Hand holding my hand
It's not a Hand you can see
But on the road to the promised
land
This Hand will shepherd me
Through delight and despair
Holding tight and always there*

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 1:4-20

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Mark 13:1-8

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Keeping Our Focus on the Right Things

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton

The Response

LITANY OF DEDICATION *read responsively*

God calls us to be faithful stewards of all entrusted to us.

In gratitude, we pledge to return to God a portion of all we have been given.

We are called not to be served, but to serve, and to grow in generosity and thankfulness.

With joy, we bring our pledges and commitments for the next year of ministry and mission. With joy, we bring this year's promised gifts and tithes.

We give so that the Good News of Jesus Christ increases and is shared, as we wait for God's kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.

All are invited to come forward during the hymn, placing our pledge and commitment cards, as well as our regular morning offering, in the baskets at the front chancel. If you prefer to remain in your pews, please signal to an usher, who will bring an offering plate to you in the pew.

We also welcome you to scan this QR code and visit the Giving page on our website. You can make and fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. Thank you!



HYMN 716 (*seated*)

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert Martin

Text can be found at Hymn 223.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *read in 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.**

The Sending

*HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*BLESSING

*RESPONSE (*all singing*)

from God of Grace and God of Glory

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore!**

We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.

804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

In Worship Today

THE MEANS OF GRACE

Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is "The Word of Life." Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God's seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is "The Font of Identity." The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is "The Table of Sustenance."

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in memory and thanksgiving for Mayann and Bill Mathis by their daughter Katherine Mathis (Scotland).

USHERS

Kit Davis, Patrice Paton, Ernie Dreher, Valerie Dreher, Christie Wilson (Confirmation Mentor), Kate Watkins (Confirmand)

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Lee Baltzell, Lay Reader.
The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, conductor; Dr. Zachary Klobnak, guest organist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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We Lift Up in Prayer

The family of Jim Appleberry on his death, 10/21/24.

Glenda Bumpas and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Jim Cunagin, 10/20/24.

Charles Ratliff, Liz & Jonathan Evans and family on the death of his wife and her mother, Melissa, 10/16/24.

Ruling Elders

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Trevor Gilford *youth*

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