Stewardship Sunday



THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR; ANNOUNCMENTS; PASSING THE PEACE; PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Responsively

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who came to seek and save the lost!
People: Let us worship the God who came to seek and save each of us!
Leader: Let us welcome God into our homes and our hearts.
People: Let us give of ourselves in this worship time that we may know God.
All: Let us joyfully and with gratitude worship God!

***HYMN #338 (Red Hymnal)** He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

O God, sometimes we cannot see you. We search for you and have to strain to hear your voice. And yet you come to us where we are, in our sinful lives. You forgive us and change our hearts through the grace of your son, Jesus and his liberating love. Forgive us again, as we thank you for your presence in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The scriptures tell us that God's love will find us no matter how far away we are from the Word. Just as Jesus found Zacchaeus hiding in a tree, God will find us and bring us home. It does not matter what we have done wrong, we still belong to God. We have the assurance that God will rescue us.

All: Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI** – *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.*

A WORD FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 56:12-13 (Bible p.565)
Luke 19:1-10 (Bible p.1039)

THE SERMON: Dr. William D. Coker

"Zaccheus Was Thankful"

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER Philippians 4:4-7

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

PLACING PRAYER REQUESTS, REGULAR OFFERINGS, & ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

HYMN Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Hear our prayer, O LORD, Hear our prayer, O LORD;
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

A TIME FOR PEOPLE TO PRAY AND 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.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** THE FIRST CREED

Leader: Jesus is Lord!
People: Jesus is Lord, indeed!
All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.

***HYMN # 376 (Red Hymnal)** Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

***BENEDICTION**

You can heal; Christ has touched you. You can love; Christ has sought you. Christ has visited your house. Christ is in you and around you. Christ will set you free. Amen.

POSTLUDE – (*) *We stand as we are able.*

Announcements:

1. Welcome Visitors. We're so glad you are here. Please fill out our Welcome/Prayer Requests Card located on the back of the pew and drop it in the Offering Plate. Please feel free to invite your family and friends to come and enjoy our loving and laughing Church family.
2. Our fellowship luncheon is today immediately following worship.
3. The ladies (and men) will eat at Hilton Garden Inn on Thursday, November 19th at 6:30 pm.
4. A Discovery Class will be held on Sunday, December 6th for any who are interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Faith; Topics will include Discovering Your Purpose, Discovering Your Passions, Discovering God's Providence, and Discovering Presbyterians.
5. *Prayer List:*
   a. New: John Barfield- Mr. John fell recently; he did not have any broken bones but is experiencing a lot of soreness.
   b. New: Brooke Sanders – (daughter-in-law of Doug & Julie Smith): potential skin cancer diagnosis
   c. Update: JoAnn Sumner: JoAnn fell and broke her left wrist; she has had a plaster splint on it but hopes to get a fiberglass cast in a few days.
   d. Mickey & Mary Bozeman (Melinda's sister & brother-in-law)- Mary has been diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia.
   e. Price Coarsey (nephew of Butch & Dela Coarsey)- was in a four-wheeler accident; Price is 11 years old and is at Scottish Rite Hospital where he faces a long recovery. He is having extensive physical therapy for swallowing and speech.
   f. Marc & Athelyn Buttrill (Cheryl Coker's parents) -minor health issues
   g. Update: Blanche Coker – Biff's mom who fell but she is now back at home.
   h. Jim Hall (friend of the Cokers) – battling cancer
   i. Pray for those who have unspoken prayer requests that they find the answers and comfort they need.



Estimate of Giving Cards are included in the bulletin along with a post-it note on which you can write a prayer request. They can be placed at the foot of the Cross at the designated time in the service.



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