

# COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Sunday, July 31, 2016**

**Worship 11:00am**

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*+ All who are able may stand*

*Regular type, one speaks; **bold type, everyone speaks.***

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## **Preparing Ourselves**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

+Call to Worship

L: O give thanks to the Lord for the Lord is good!

**P: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

L: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!

**P: Those God redeemed from trouble and gathered from north and south and east and west.**

P: Let us all praise the Lord for the Lord's enduring love.

**P: Let us all praise God's name forever!**

+Prayer of the Day and Lord's Prayer

Let us pray: **God of redemption and new beginnings, may we in our worship today find new life and learn new ways of being in the world. Grant to us wisdom and courage to meet the challenges of our world today in the manner of Christ Jesus, who taught us to pray together: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.***

+Hymn of Praise

*Praise the Source of Faith and Learning*

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## Call to Reconciliation

Let us now seek forgiveness and reconciliation with our neighbors and our Lord:

## Prayer of Confession

**God of challenges and lovingkindness, you call us to share what we have with the poor and to love our neighbors; but we keep grasping after things that can't fill our empty hearts. We build fences instead of bridges and are fearful instead of loving. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and change our hearts from closed and unwelcoming to open and generous. (moment of silence)**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven! We have sought and received forgiveness and reconciliation from God; now let us offer it to one another. Please turn to someone near you and offer the forgiveness of Christ.

## Response of Praise

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*

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## Passing of the Peace

L: By offering the peace of Christ to one another, we recognize each other's place in the family of God. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**P: And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with a handshake and/ or the exchange of the peace.*

## Special Music

*Children may leave for Sunday school after the special music.*

## Hearing God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

**Open us to the wonder of your word, God of wisdom, that we may learn and grow in knowledge of you and your desire for ourselves and our world. Amen.**

## First Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

Hymn

*When We Are Living*

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Second Reading

Luke 12:13-21

Sermon

Rev. Sharon Carter

## **Responding With Thanks and Praise**

Affirmation of Faith

**In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, whom alone we worship and serve...In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of the peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace...In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for a new heaven and a new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

The Service of Giving

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Musical Offering**

+Response of Praise

*Glory Be to the Father*

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Joys and Concerns of the People of God

Prayers of the People

## **Going Forth to Love and Serve**

+Sending Hymn

*Christ Beside Me*

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+The Charge

+The Benediction

+ The Postlude