

# COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, October 16, 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: This is the day the Lord has made!

**P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

*W: In our worship may we hear God's voice*

***M: In our worship may we feel the Spirit move within us.***

L: Let us bring glory to God this day

**P: For God's love is with us now and always.**

+Prayer of the Day and Lord's Prayer

Let us pray: **Gracious God, in our worship we seek to know you and to feel your love for us. Write your word on our hearts today that we may be marked as yours forever. We pray this in the name of Christ, 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

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

#487

## Call to Reconciliation<sup>i</sup>

“Before God’s majesty and holiness we become painfully aware of our selfishness and disobedience...It is only in the assurance of God’s prior mercy given freely to the undeserving that we dare make our humble confession before God.” Let us pray:

### Prayer of Confession

L: We are weak and wayward, O God; but you are merciful and forgiving.

**P: We ignore the cries of the poor while seeking our own gain; but you are merciful and forgiving.**

L: We are fearful of the “others” in our midst and reject them instead of offering them welcome and protection; but you are merciful and forgiving.

**P: We tolerate the abuse of power by those in authority and even support them for our own benefit; but you are merciful and forgiving.**

L: By your grace may we grow in faith as we follow your way;

**P: Through your forgiving love may we learn to love and forgive others.**  
(moment of silence.)

### Assurance of Forgiveness<sup>ii</sup>

“Claiming the promises of God sealed in our baptism, we boldly confess our sin and accept forgiveness. We are confident that in our dying to sin and old destructive ways, the God of boundless grace raises us to new life.”

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*(please turn to the person next to you to offer and receive the forgiveness of Christ.)*

### Response of Praise

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*

#2157

### 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.*

### Anthem

Give Me a Grateful Heart

Martin

## Hearing God’s Word

### Prayer for Illumination

**God of wisdom and truth, open us to the wonder of your word and the**

insights it may provide for us into the world you have so lovingly created and lovingly care for. Amen.

First Reading	Jeremiah 31:27-34	
Hymn	<i>There is a Balm in Gilead</i>	#394
Second Reading	Luke 18:1-8	
Sermon	Rev. Sharon Carter	

## Responding With Thanks and Praise

Intergenerational Activity      *To Build and to Plant*

Affirmation of Faith      *from the Confession of Belhar, South Africa, 1986*  
**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ...[and] that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. Amen.**

The Service of Giving	Prayer of Dedication	Musical Offering
+Response of Praise	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	#577
Joys and Concerns of the People of God		
Prayers of the People		

## Going Forth to Love and Serve

+Sending Hymn	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	#525
+The Charge and Benediction		
+ The Postlude		

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<sup>i</sup> from "A Commentary on the Service for the Lord's Day" PCUSA

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