

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1400 Highland Pike, Covington, Kentucky, 41011

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Sunday, October 23, 2016

Worship 11:00am

+ All who are able may stand

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

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

+Call to Worship

L: We praise you, O God, in this place; and make promises to you

P: We promise to pray to you who answers prayer; to you all people shall come.

L: From our place of worship we send thanks and praise glory to you forever

P: We will worship also in our communities, bringing glory to your holy name.

+Prayer of the Day and Lord's Prayer

Let us pray: **Loving God, we are here to worship you today, to express our love for you and your people. May this time of worship be pleasing to you, and may we feel your presence among us in this place. We pray this in the name of Christ Jesus, who taught us also to pray: *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

Great is the Lord

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Call to Reconciliation

We seek forgiveness not to save ourselves, for we are already saved; but we seek forgiveness to grow in spirit and in love for ourselves, our neighbors and our God. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, because you have justified us we have no need to justify ourselves. Yet this is what we do, day in and day out—try vindicate and excuse ourselves. We shout at each other over politics and unfriend those with whom we disagree, trying to prove our righteousness. We spend our energy and precious time building walls between ourselves and our neighbors, walls that surround our hearts and keep us from being the loving people you call us to be. Forgive us for attempting to do for ourselves what you have already done. Help us to remember your commands to live in harmony with others, to seek good for them and glory for your holy name.

Assurance of Forgiveness

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. (Psalm 65:5)

Thanks be to God! Amen.

(Please share the forgiveness of Christ with someone near you.)

Response of Praise

Come and Fill Our Hearts (2x)

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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.

Anthem

Kyrie Eleison

Getty/Townsend

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

L: Open our ears that we might hear the voice of truth in your word today.

P: Open our hearts that we might make ourselves ready to share your word in the world. Amen.

First Reading Joel 2:23-32

Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* #339

Second Reading Luke 18:9-14

Sermon Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding With Thanks and Praise

Affirmation of Faith *Adapted from the Confession of Belhar; South Africa 1984*

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

The Service of Giving Prayer of Dedication Musical Offering

+Response of Praise *Glory Be to the Father* #577

Joys and Concerns of the People of God

Prayers of the People

Going Forth to Love and Serve

+Sending Hymn *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace* STF2171

+The Charge

+The Benediction

+ The Postlude