

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1400 Highland Pike, Covington, Kentucky, 41011

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Sunday, January 29, 2017

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: This is the day the Lord has made!

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in in!

L: Let us praise God from the hilltop!

P: Let us give glory to God in our words and songs!

L: For God is here, within us and around us.

P: God's love for us is always with us.

+Prayer of the Day and The Lord's Prayer-

Let us pray: **God of loving-kindness, you are always with us even when we don't know it. You live in us and love us as your people, blessing us and leading us in your way. May we be guided by your Spirit in all things--in our worship, in our work, in our leisure—and may we learn to please you in all ways. We pray to you 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

God is Here!

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Call to Reconciliation

We are but imperfect human beings, created by God as good but fallen short of God's intention for our existence. Let us admit our errors and seek God's grace; let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, you have shown us what is good—doing justice and being kind, loving you and others as we love ourselves. But we fall short even though we try to do as you ask: we fear standing up for justice because we might be targeted ourselves; we are kind only to those who are kind to us; and we are afraid of opening ourselves to you in case you stop loving us. Forgive us, Lord, and take away the fear, the loneliness, the distance we put between ourselves and our neighbors, and ourselves and you. (moment of silence.)

Assurance of Forgiveness *(from the font)*

When we receive the waters of life we are reborn, cleansed and made new. See and hear the waters of your baptism, and know that you are forgiven. Amen.

In the waters of baptism we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Blessed are we who hear the word of God; may it fill our hearts with gladness and give us hope for the future. Amen.

First Reading	Micah 6:1-8	
Hymn	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	#376
Second Reading	Matthew 5:1-12	
Sermon	Rev. Sharon Carter	

Responding With Thanks and Praise

Affirmation of Faith	<i>Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)</i>	p. 14
The Service of Giving	Prayer of Dedication	Musical Offering
+Response of Praise	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	#577

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

L: Loving God, we offer to you the concerns of our church, our community and the world (prayers and a moment of silence are shared.)

All: We thank you, O God, for loving us and caring for us in our times of joy and of sorrow. May we feel continue to feel your loving kindness through the presence of the Holy Spirit in our homes, our communities and the world. Amen.

Going Forth to Love and Serve

+Sending Hymn	<i>They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love</i>	STF2223
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Annual Meeting of the Congregation

+The Charge and Benediction

+ The Postlude