

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, February 12, 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: We are joyful when we follow God's ways

P: We are glad to keep God's commands

L: For they help us keep good relations with our neighbors

P: And they help us keep our mind on God.

F: We praise God for showing us the way!

P: We will follow God's commands always.

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

Let us pray: **God of law and grace, we long to walk in your ways and worship you with our whole hearts. We long to keep your commandments and walk the path you have shown us. Grant to us the wisdom and strength to be your people today and every day by living out your vision for the world. 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 *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* STF2223

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

Forgiving God, you offered your people a choice: life and prosperity or death and adversity. When we follow your ways by loving you and our neighbors it is a choice for life. Too often, though, we let self-interest, greed, and fear lead us away from your life-giving commands. Help us to choose life by loving you with our whole being and by loving others even more than we love ourselves. (moment of silence.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Thanks be to God we live under grace and are forgiven for our imperfections and our errant ways. In gratitude to God for grace we learn to live as holy people, bringing light and grace to others. Let us rejoice, for this is good news! Amen.

Response of Praise *Come and Fill Our Hearts (2x)* STF2157

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

Prayer for Guidance

Pote

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Teaching God, your word brings light to our lives and hope to our hearts. May we hear today good news that we can carry into the world to share with others. Amen.

First Reading	I Corinthians 3:1-9	
Hymn	<i>O God of Earth and Altar</i>	#291
Second Reading	Matthew 5:21-37	
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>Every Time I Feel the Spirit</i>	#315
+The Charge and Benediction		
+ The Postlude		