

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, February 19, 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: Rejoice! Rejoice! The time to worship is here!

P: It is time to show our love and devotion to God!

L: For God loves us and gives us life

P: For God shows us how to live as God's people

L: So, let us come together now and give glory to God!

P: Let us praise God's holy name today and always

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

Let us pray: **We come to worship in different states of mind, O God—some of us are tired and weary, needing a word from you to get through the day. Some of us feel forgotten, needing to feel your holy presence. Some of us are energized, ready to heed your call. May we all find you in this worship service today, receiving most of all the love you have for us. 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

Medley of Songs

STF 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071

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

Merciful God, you have created us and called us good; and you have shown us how to live into that goodness: through your law, given to the people of Israel, and through Jesus Christ, given to us all. Sometimes we are able to reflect your goodness and grace, but we all fall short at times. Rejoice with us when we live up to your example of goodness; and forgive us for when we stumble by helping us regain our footing and walk in your way once again. (moment of silence.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: 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.

P: We rejoice in the good news of forgiveness! 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

Through our open ears may we hear the word of God read and proclaimed; through our open minds may we understand and grow in faith; and through our open hearts may we feel the love of God and grow in love for God and our neighbors. Amen.

First Reading	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18	
Hymn	<i>Kum Ba Yah</i>	#338
Second Reading	Matthew 5:38-48	
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>Shalom Chaverim! (Farewell, Good Friends)</i>	#537
+The Charge and Benediction		
+ The Postlude		