

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1400 Highland Pike, Covington, Kentucky, 41011

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Sunday, March 5, 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: I was glad when they said to me,

P: Let us go into the house of the Lord!

L: Let all who are faithful praise God in word and song!

P: Let all who are faithful praise God's holy name!

+Prayer of the Day and Lord's Prayer

Awaken us to the wonder of your love, inspiring God, and open the ears of our hearts that we may feel your Spirit moving within us. As we worship you today may we know that we belong to you always and that you will never leave us. Hear us as we pray this prayer and also as we pray the prayer that Christ taught us: ***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

The God of Abraham Praise

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Call to Reconciliation

When we try to hide from you, gracious God, we are like the psalmist who feels your hand heavy upon his conscience. With open hearts let us no longer hide, but make our confessions of sin before God and one another:

Prayer of Confession

God of Grace, like Eve and Adam we are tempted to go against your desire for our lives. We want to think of ourselves as gods instead of the mortal human beings that we are. We eat of fruits that are bad for us—fruits of intolerance, greed, indifference, and fear; fruits that don't improve our lives or your kingdom but worsen our lives and the lives of those around us. Have mercy on us, Gracious God, and help us to hunger for the fruits of tolerance, peace, humility and love. (moment of silence.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Even though we fall short of God's intention for our lives, God never forgets us or leaves us alone. Thanks be to God, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

P: In Jesus Christ 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

May we hear today, O God of illumination, words of wisdom and truth that will lead us to a deeper awareness of your loving presence in the world. Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon

Ooh, Shiny!

Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding With Thanks and Praise

The Service of Giving **Prayer of Dedication**

Musical Offering

+Response of Praise

Give Thanks

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Celebration of Holy Communion
Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** It is truly right...

...Who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts. (2x)

The whole world is full of your glory. (3x)

Holy is the Lord!

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Breaking of the Bread, Communion of the People, Prayer after Communion

Going Forth to Love and Serve

+Sending Hymn

God You Spin the Whirling Planets

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+The Charge and Benediction

+ The Postlude