

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1400 Highland Pike, Covington, Kentucky, 41011

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Sunday, July 30, 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: Let us give thanks to God and tell everyone of God's wonderful deeds!

P: Let us sing to God, sing praises to God's holy name!

L: May we remember all that God has done and know God's works go on forever.

P: God is always with us; God's strength lifts us up.

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

Let us pray: **God of strength and power, come to us in our worship today that we may be lifted up by your glorious presence. Let our hearts rejoice when we think of you and when we sing the songs of our faith. Hear the prayers that we offer to you in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together: *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

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

#481

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 created the world and everything in it, and called it good. But we humans lost our innocence; we struggle to regain the goodness you filled us with in the beginning, but we are weak and cannot reclaim our innocence on our own. We are self-centered and afraid of not living up to what you call us to be. Have mercy on us, gracious God; ease our fears and help us to look beyond ourselves that we might bring your light and love to others who are also broken and fearful in this world.

(moment of silence)

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: We are people born of water and the Spirit, the same Spirit who intercedes for us when we need it. By this and the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

**P: Through the power of the Spirit and the grace of God we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Response of Praise

Come and Fill Our Hearts

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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.

Special Music

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

words by William Cowper/1774, music Scottish Psalter/1615

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

O God who teaches us and mentors us in the faith, open our hearts and minds that we might hear and understand your words and feel the love and grace within them, and be forever changed by them. Amen.

First Reading Romans 8:26-39
Hymn Let Every Christian Pray #130

Second Reading Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Sermon Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding With Thanks and Praise

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* p. 14

The Service of Giving **Prayer of Dedication** **Musical Offering**

Response of Thanks and Praise *Gloria Patri* #577

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

L: God of possibilities, we share our joys and concerns with you that we might feel connected to you. Hear now these prayers of ourselves, our community and the world...(moment of silence)...Amen.

L: As we offer our prayers to you, O God, may we do with grateful and open hearts.
P: Thank you for hearing and answering our prayers, O Lord; may knowing that you hear us give us strength for our lightest and darkest days. Amen.

Going Forth to Love and Serve

+Sending Hymn *As A Fire is Meant for Burning* STF2237

+The Charge and Benediction
+ The Postlude

Go forth to Love and Serve the Lord



Parables