

leave GOD and take up the worship of foreign gods, he'll turn right around and come down on you hard. He'll put an end to you—and after all the good he has done for you!”²¹ But the people told Joshua: “No! No! We worship GOD!”²² And so Joshua addressed the people: “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen GOD for yourselves—to worship him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.”²³ Joshua said, “Now get rid of all the foreign gods you have with you. Say an unqualified Yes to GOD, the God of Israel.”²⁴ The people answered Joshua, “We will worship GOD. What he says, we'll do.”

Hymn *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers* #15

Matthew 25:1-13 “Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with them. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not

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be enough for you and for us. You had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went out to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Sermon Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding in Faith

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed, ecumenical p.14

The Service of Giving

Prayer of Dedication Offering Music

+Response *Gloria Patri* #577

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Going into the World

+Hymn *Make Me a Channel...* #2171

+Charge and Benediction

+Postlude

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Community of Faith Presbyterian Church
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+Stand as you are able
Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Lighting of the Christ candle

+Call to Worship

L: God has done many wonders for our ancestors and for us

P: Let us tell the stories to our children and grandchildren so they might follow the Lord

L: Let us not forget the works of God

P: So that we might set our hopes on the Lord, our God.

+Opening Prayer

Let us pray: **God of yesterday, today and tomorrow, we offer you this worship and praise. Through it may we find hope for the future, for ourselves, our children and all whom we love. We pray this in the name of 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 *Praise My Soul...* #478

Call to Confession

Confession Let us pray: **God of grace, through our faith in Christ we belong to you; but our faith fails us at times. We let the world's violence and sorrow overwhelm us and we become hardened or turn inward, instead of turning to you for comfort. Forgive us, O God, and show us what it means to hope for better through our faith in you. (moment of silence.)**

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Who or what do you serve and why?

P: In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Song *Come & Fill Our Hearts* #2157
The Peace

L: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another: the Peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Anthem *All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord*

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

As we hear your word read and proclaimed today, O Lord, may we find meaning and hope for our daily lives. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Joshua 24:1-3a, 15-24 Joshua called together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He called in the elders, chiefs, judges, and officers. They presented themselves before God. Then Joshua addressed all the people: ²⁻⁶“This is what GOD, the God of Israel, says: A long time ago your ancestors, Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor, lived to the east of the River Euphrates. They worshiped other gods. I took your ancestor Abraham from the far side of The River. I led him all over the land of Canaan and multiplied his descendants.

¹⁵“If you decide that it’s a bad thing to worship GOD, then choose a god you’d

What can you do to prepare yourself for Christ? Have you started, or are you waiting for something?

rather serve—and do it today. Choose one of the gods your ancestors worshiped from the country beyond The River, or one of the gods of the Amorites, on whose land you’re now living. As for me and my family, we’ll worship GOD.” The people answered, “We’d never forsake GOD! Never! We’d never leave GOD to worship other gods. “GOD is our God! He brought up our ancestors from Egypt and from slave conditions. He did all those great signs while we watched. He has kept his eye on us all along the roads we’ve traveled and among the nations we’ve passed through. Just for us he drove out all the nations, Amorites and all, who lived in the land. “Count us in: We too are going to worship GOD. He’s our God.” ¹⁹⁻²⁰ Then Joshua told the people: “You can’t do it; you’re not able to worship GOD. He is a holy God. He is a jealous God. He won’t put up with your fooling around and sinning. When you