

clothe you — you of little faith?

³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Sermon Rev. Sharon Carter

**Responding in Faith
Affirmation of Faith**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church...In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

The Service of Giving

Prayer of Dedication Offering Music

+Song *Glory Be to the Father*

Notes



**Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People**

Let us pray:

(Prayers are given, silence is kept.)

God of compassion, you have given us Jesus Christ, the great physician, who made the broken whole and healed the sick. Touch our wounds, relieve our hurts, and restore us to wholeness of life, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Going into the World

+Hymn *God, Whose Giving Knows
No Ending #422*

+Charge and Benediction

+Postlude

MISSION



FELLOWSHIP

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THE BODY OF CHRIST



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church

November 25, 2018

+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 and Opening Prayer

L: Give thanks to God for God is good!

P: God's steadfast love endures forever.

L: Let our praise ring out from hills and valleys, cities and towns, saying:

P: Blessed be the name of the Lord, from this time on and forevermore!

Let us pray: **Eternal God, we are thankful that you have set Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and made us servants in his kin-dom. By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved and minister to all who are in need. We pray this in the name of Jesus the 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 *For the Beauty of the Earth*
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Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and forgiveness, as we move through the world let us be aware of where we have fallen short: in caring for our neighbors, in seeking justice for the oppressed, in seeking the good even for those we disagree with. Forgive us, O God and help us to be people of integrity, of peace and of love. (moment of silence.)

What do you worry about?

How does your faith in God help you with that worry?

When do you tell others about how your faith in God helps you with worry?

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone, a new one has begun. Friends, know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

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

Song *Spirit of the Living God* #322

The Peace

L: Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. The peace of Christ be with you all!

P: And also with you.

Anthem

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination **God of wisdom, may we have ears to hear your word today, and may it be written on our hearts that we might remember it tomorrow. Amen.**

Scripture I Timothy 2:1-7 ¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all this was attested

What are you thankful for in 2018?

How do you show your gratitude to God?

When do you tell others about God's blessings in your life?

at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Hymn *Seek Ye First* #333

Gospel Reading Mark 6:25-33

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more