

who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Sermon

“Itching Ears”
Rev. Chris White

Responding to the Word Affirmation of Faith

Confession of 1967, 9.16, 17

We believe that God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of his dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. We believe that God has created us for personal relationship in which we may respond to the love of the Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.

Notes

Offering

Prayer, Offertory Music

Response *Give Thanks* STF2036

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

Friends in Christ,
God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world...
(Moment of silence)

Loving God, open our ears to hear your word, and draw us closer to you, that the whole world may be one with you as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Going Into the World

+Hymn *Song of Hope* #432

+Charge and Benediction

+Postlude



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Community of Faith Presbyterian Church
October 20, 2019 +Stand as you are able
Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold type

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome

Minute for Mission Jo Shade

Lighting of the Christ Candle

+Call to Worship/Opening Prayer

L: How beautiful is the word of the Lord!

P: How wise are God's commandments!

L: Through the Lord's precepts, we gain understanding.

P: Through God's wisdom, we find truth.

L: The Lord is our God; we are God's people.

P: God's word lives within us, for it is written on our hearts.

Let us pray: Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. Prepare us to work for you in ministries of peace and justice. We pray this in the

name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray together, saying: *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 *God is Here!* #461

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

From the least of us, to the greatest, Lord, we want to know you; we yearn to follow where you lead us; we need your guidance. But even as we listen for your direction, other voices compete for our attention with teachings that suit our desires. Our

What sacred writings (or scripture verses) are memorable to you from childhood?

How do you use these texts in your faith today?

thoughts drift so far from your truth, that fables and fancies begin to seem real. Holy One, open our hearts and minds. By your Spirit, convince, rebuke, and encourage us as only you can; teach, correct, and inspire us in the ways of your salvation.
(moment of silence)

Words of Assurance

L: In Christ we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God! Amen.

P: We rejoice because we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response *Bless the Lord* STF2013

+Passing of the Peace

L: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

P: And also with you.

Anthem

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Listen to the Word G2G #455

Listen to the word that God has spoken, Listen to the One who is close at hand, Listen to the Voice that began creation Listen even if you don't understand.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:97-104 ⁹⁷Oh, how I love

your law! It is my meditation all day long. ⁹⁸Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

⁹⁹I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.

¹⁰⁰I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.

¹⁰¹I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

¹⁰²I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.

¹⁰³How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

Hymn *Seek Ye First* #333

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 ¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. ⁴In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus,