

comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Sermon Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding to the Word
Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed p.14 (ecumenical)

Offering

Prayer, Offertory Music

+Response *Give Thanks* STF2036

Notes and Doodles

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 *O Christ, the Great Foundation* #443

+Charge and Benediction

+Postlude



THE BODY OF CHRIST



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church
November 24, 2019 +Stand as you are able
Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold type

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle

+Call to Worship

L: In Christ all things hold together;

P: He is head of the church and Lord of all.

+Hymn *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*
#150

Litany for the Reign of Christ

L: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!

P: Christ will reign forever and ever.

L: The Lord is robed in majesty and girded in strength.

P: Christ will reign forever and ever.

L: God has established the world, and God's realm will never be shaken.

P: Christ will reign forever and ever.

L: God will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

P: Christ will reign forever and ever.

L: The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord.

P: Christ will reign forever and ever.

Let us pray: **Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior, you pour out your power for the powerless and**

your salvation for the lost. Remember us in your new creation, so that we may live in peace with you in the presence of the Holy One, to whom be all honor and glory, through you, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Hear us now as we pray the prayer that Christ taught: ***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.***

Call to Confession

In Christ, God came to reconcile all things. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin to God in prayer:

What will God bring in the new realm (new heaven and new earth)?

What does it mean that in Christ all things hold together?

Prayer of Confession

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. (moment of silence)

Words of Assurance

L: God has rescued us from the power of evil and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response *Come and Fill Our Hearts*
STF2157 (2x)

+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
(Sung as a round, 3x)

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.

First Reading Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, ⁷⁰as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. ⁷²Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, ⁷³the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. ⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, ⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Hymn *We Will Glorify the King of Kings*
STF2087

Second Reading

Colossians 1:11-20 ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that