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Presbytery of the Mid-South, Synod of Living Waters.

Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

September 23, 2018

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on a Melody by Orlando Gibbons

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

The congregation stands to sing

Processional Hymn 417 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Regent Square

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

God and Father of all, you have willed that the last shall be first, and you have made a little child the measure of your kingdom. Give us that wisdom which is from above, so we may understand that, in your sight, the one who serves is the greatest of all; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Confession

Unison

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

**We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We have not done justice, loved kindness or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us.

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit....**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 310 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee St. Agnes

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children may bring their “ringing collection” and come to the **Baptismal Font** for a **Time with Young Christians**

Old Testament

Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalm 1

Unison

**Blessed are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of the scornful.**

**But their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on that law they meditate day and night.**

**They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in due season.**

In all that they do, they prosper.

**The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

**Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**

**For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Anthem Lord, Be With Us on This Day Jay Althouse, 1995

Lord, be with us on this day and in Thy presence may we evermore adore Thee;
and, Lord, be near and show Thy way that we may follow in the path You choose.

O Lord, as with a humble heart we raise our mortal voices, let us not go astray,
for we are ever filled with doubt and temptation.

Help us, O Lord, to love and understand all Thy ways both great and small.

Lead us this day, O Lord, we humbly pray, so that we may heed Thy call. Amen.

Epistle

James 3:13-18

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

Sermon

Little Ones to Him Belong

Mike Krech

“Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,
“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes
not me but the one who sent me.”

Mark 9:36-37

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 304

Jesus Loves Me

Apostles' Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria Patri 579

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word

Liebster Jesu

Grace Notes Hand Bell Choir

Johann Ahle, arr: McChesney

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 145

Rejoice. Ye Pure in Heart

Marion

Postlude

Postlude on “Thy Strong Word”

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

We are in the season of Sundays after Trinity Sunday, also called Ordinary Time.

Our Gospel readings from now until Advent begins on December 2 come mostly from Mark.

The Old Testament readings are from the Wisdom literature, traditionally attributed to King Solomon.

The Epistle readings are from the Letter of James and later the Letter to the Hebrews.

The liturgical color is green, emblematic of the growth in faith these lessons want us to achieve.

(JMK)