

CHURCH SESSION

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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

August 18, 2019

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Jubilee Arnold Sherman
Grace Notes Hand Bell Choir

The congregation stands to sing

Processional Hymn 481 Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show Llanfair

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**.)
Almighty, eternal God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking that which is past, and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may run the way of faithful obedience and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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

Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,

that we may live a holy, just, and humble life
to the glory of your holy name ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 364 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God Grand Isle

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 bring their ringing offering and come to the Baptismal Font for a

Time with Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 82

Unison

God has taken his place in the divine council.

In the midst of the gods he holds judgment.

“How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?

Give justice to the weak and the orphan.

Maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

Rescue the weak and the needy.

Deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

They have neither knowledge nor understanding.

They walk around in darkness.

All the foundations of the earth are shaken.

I say, “You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you.

Nevertheless you shall die like mortals and fall like any prince.”

Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you.

Anthem

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

William Runyan, 1923

Grace Notes Hand Bell Choir

arr. Cynthia Dibrinski

Epistle

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

Sermon

Peace and Division

Mike Krech

“Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!”
Luke 12:51

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 420 God of Grace and God of Glory Cwm Rhondda

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 We Shall Behold Him Dottie Rambo; arr. Mark Hayes

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 467 How Great Thou Art O Store Gud

Postlude Song of Joy Christopher Boodle

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 1 are from Luke.

The Old Testament readings are from the prophet Isaiah, and later, Jeremiah.

The Epistle readings are from the letter to the Hebrews, and later, Philemon.

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

(JMK)