

CHURCH SESSION

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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

September 22, 2019

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Aria in F Major George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

The congregation stands to sing

Processional Hymn 451 Ye Watchers, and Ye Holy Ones

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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**.)

O God, you are rich in love for your people. Show us the treasure that endures, and, when we are tempted by greed, remind us of your lavish mercy, call us back into your service, and make us worthy to be entrusted with the wealth that never fails; 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 God, our heavenly Father: we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.**

For the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,

**forgive us all our offenses,
and grant that we may serve you**

in newness of life to the glory of your Name ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 394

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Balm in Gilead

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

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Psalms 113

Unison

Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord

from this time forth and even forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

the name of the Lord is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations

and God's glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God, seated on high,

who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust

and lifts the needy from the ash heap

to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

He gives the barren woman a home,

making her the joyous mother of children. **Praise the Lord!**

Anthem When Morning Gilds the Skies arr. Ken Berg, 2004

When morning gilds the skies, my heart, awak'ning cries, May Jesus Christ be praised.

Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair; may Jesus Christ be praised.

The night becomes as day when from the heart we say, May Jesus Christ be praised.

The pow'rs of darkness fear when this sweet song they hear, May Jesus Christ be praised.

Ye nations of mankind, in this your concord find: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all the earth around right joyous with the sound: May Jesus Christ be praised.

In heav'n's eternal bliss the lov'liest strain is this, May Jesus Christ be praised.

Let earth and sea and sky, from depth to height reply, May Jesus Christ be praised.

(--Text: Katholisches Gesangbuch Wurzburg, 1828; translated by Edward Caswall;
hymn tune by Joseph Born, arr. and other music by Ken Berg)

Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

Sermon

Is Dishonesty the Best Policy?

Mike Krech

“And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.”

Luke 16:8

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 306

Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusaders' Hymn

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

Choral

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 417 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Regent Square

Postlude

Praise God the Lord

setting by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

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 Jeremiah.

The Epistle readings are from the letters to Timothy.

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

(JMK)