

CHURCH SESSION

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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

February 16, 2020

The Season after Epiphany

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Prelude in C Major

J.S. Bach

The congregation stands to sing

Processional Hymn 487 When Morning Gilds the Skies Laudes Domini

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 God, you gave the law to guide our lives. May we never shrink from your commandments, but, as we are taught by your Son Jesus, fulfill the law in perfect love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Confession of Sin

Unison

Almighty and most merciful Father;

We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

**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 the promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 244 Let Us with a Gladsome Mind Monkland

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 Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 119:1-8 Unison

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Happy are those who keep God's decrees,

who seek him with all their heart,

who also do no wrong, but walk in God's ways.

You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your law.

Then I shall not be put to shame,

having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

I will praise you with an upright heart,

when I learn your righteous ordinances.

I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

Anthem Hear Me Now, O Lord Jay Althouse, 2000

Hear me now, O Lord. I come with reverence to You. I come with questions for You.

When my days are like the shadows of evening, filled with darkness and despair,

Then I know that in Your love and compassion, You will counsel me; You will care.

I ask for guidance from You.

When my heart is like a tree without water, anguished and in need of prayer,

then I hunger and thirst for Your wisdom. You will nourish me. You will care.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Gospel Matthew 5:21-37

Sermon Living in the Love of the Lord Mike Krech

“Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God.”

Deut. 30:19b-20a

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 401 When Will People Cease Their Fighting? Rustington

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 Simple Gifts arr. W. Held

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 430 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy Darwall's 148th

Postlude I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord arr. G. Sikes

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church. We are in the Sundays after Epiphany, following the early days of the ministry of Jesus, with the Gospel today from the Sermon on the Mount. Our epistle reading is from I Corinthians. The Old Testament, and text for the sermon is from Deuteronomy, a book which means “The Second Law.” Deuteronomy is a remembering and re-telling of God's covenant with Israel, expressed in the law given to Moses. Today's passage stresses the essential decision the Israelites faced in their individual and common life – whether to keep the covenant and the commandments and thereby have life and blessing, or to forget and turn away from God and know curses and death. (JMK)