



# Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day



Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 18, 2018



## Westminster Peal

**Prelude** "Chorale No. 3" by Cesar Franck

**Welcome and Church Family Life** Rev. Susan Haynes

**Instrumental Introit** "Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries (Psalm 107)"  
by Richard Proulx and Ruth Duck

*If you have ever wandered where no human help was near,  
And in your trouble cried to God, who rescued you from fear,  
Then thank the God of steadfast love who dries your every tear.  
Give thanks to God who hears our cries and saves in troubled days,  
With wondrous works to humankind that call for highest praise.  
Let all who know God's saving love sing grateful songs always.*

† **Gathering as the Children of God** Rev. Haynes

One: We gather together to worship, knowing that God is already here among us;

**All: Knowing that there is nothing that separates us from the presence of our Lord.**

One: Wherever we are, wherever we go,

**All: God is near.**

One: So let us enter into this service of worship with confidence and hope,

**All: Knowing that God is already with us, and that He stands eager to meet us and bless us with His love.**

† **Hymn No. 476** "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

† **Prayer of Confession** (*unison*) Elder Malinda Holmes

**We have to admit that we are more likely to be irritated by the lives of others, rather than being provoked to love them. When we are called to encourage those around us, to often our actions and words discourage them. Offered lives of peace and hope, we wander around filled with anxiety and despair. Forgive us, Rock of Redemption. Cleanse our hearts, so we might be more loving; keep us on the path of faithfulness, so we might find those whom we are called to serve; give us your words, so we might confess your hope offered to all who are broken, who are lost, who cry out to you. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

† Those who are able, please stand

## † Assurance of Pardon

Elder Holmes

One: Friends, believe the Good News.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## † Response

*"Gloria, Gloria"*

(Hymn no. 576)

**Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

## † Passing of the Peace

Rev. Haynes

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Please exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.*



## Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Ricardo Green

## Scripture Lesson (p. 182 NT)

Ephesians 4:1-7; 11-16

Rev. Green

## Anthem/Special Music

*"Alleluia from Cantata #142"*

by J.S. Bach

*Alleluia, Alleluia, O praised be God.*

*All raise your voices, sing with your thankful voices;*

*Thou God today hast given us joy, Hold fast to Him and praise His name eternal.*

## Scripture (p. 522 OT)

Psalm 100

Rev. Haynes

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*"Thanksgiving in the Kirk"*

Rev. Haynes



## † Hymn

*"What Shall I Render to the Lord"*

The New Metrical Version of the Psalms, 1909, alt.

Hugh Wilson c. 1800; adapt. and harm. Robert Smith, 1825

What shall I ren - der\_ to the Lord; what shall my of - fering be, for  
 1. Sal - va - tion's cup my\_ soul shall take while to the Lord I pray, and  
 2. Not light - ly dost thou, Lord, per - mit thy cho - sen saints to die; from  
 3. With - in God'shouse, the\_ house of prayer, my soul shall bless the Lord, and  
 4.

all the gra - cious ben - e - fits God hath\_ be - stowed on me?  
 with God's peo - ple I will meet, my thank - ful\_ vows to pay.  
 death thou hast de - li - vered me; thy ser - vant, Lord, am I.  
 prais - es to God's ho - ly name let all\_ the\_ saints ac - cord.

Today's anthem is from a Christmas cantata attributed to Bach, but whose actual composer remains unknown. The libretto to the cantata was written by Erdmann Neumeister, a minister and poet who lived from 1671 to 1756.



**Offering**

Offertory

*"Offertory" Op. 81, No. 1"*

by Theodore Kullak

**† Response**

The Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

**† Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Green

***Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.***

"Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales, this 20th century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle Benedicite, omnia opera Domini (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).

**† Closing Hymn No. 554**

*"Let All Things Now Living"*

**† Benediction**

Rev. Haynes

**† Congregational Response** *(hymn no. 588)*

*"Amen"*

**† Postlude**

*"Prelude and Fugue No. 21 in Bb Major, BWV 866"*

by J. S. Bach

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† Those who are able, please stand



## MVPC Mission Statement

### Blessed to Be a Blessing

We are a Presbyterian church filled with love and energy – an inclusive congregation committed to spiritual growth through *worship, study, fellowship, and service*.

- As **children of God**, we seek to *praise* God in worship and in all that we say and do
- As **disciples of Jesus Christ**, we *listen* to scripture, tradition, one another, and the world in order to understand God's will for us as individuals and as a community
- As **members of a family of faith**, we strive to *love* one another unconditionally, sharing our joys and standing beside one another in our struggles
- **Moved by the Spirit**, we *serve* our gracious God by taking that with which we have been blessed and turning it into blessings for others.

### Financial Update

	Week of 11/5 - 11/11	Year to Date 2018	2018 Budget
Member Giving	\$14,205	\$518,709	\$695, 545
Loose Offering	\$43	\$4,391	\$7,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,248</b>	<b>\$523,100</b>	<b>\$702, 545</b>



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