



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

12th Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2019
10:00 a. m.

† Those who are able, please stand

Westminster Peal

Gathering Music

"Like the Sun"

GUARDIAN

GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Gathering as the Children of God

Elder David Barclift

One: We come to worship our God, to listen to the One who calls us here

All: We come to worship our God, to listen to the One who calls us here.

One: We come to worship our God, to shout with joy to the God of all people.

All: We come to the Creator of all things, to be bathed in the waters of life.

One: We come to the feast of God's faithful, to be fed by the One who never forsakes us.

All: We come to worship our God, to sing aloud to the One who saves us.

† Hymn No. 229

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious and Exalted God, it is a gift to proclaim who you are.

In our arrogance, however, we neglect to glorify and make your name known.

Instead, we believe in the wisdom of our own heart and mind.

We call ourselves enlightened, even as we have moved our feet away from your lamp.

*We mistrust the words of the prophets and saints who came before us,
believing their truth to be filled with malice.*

*Let us be a confessing people, let us be humble, let us be grace-filled,
and by your Spirit move us toward righteousness.*

*Remind us of the ties that bind us together and help us to forge ahead
toward the journey already paved, so that we may proclaim your tomorrow through
the hope of today and the promise found yesterday...*

(the congregation is invited to continue in silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

† Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Psalter Reading

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

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Pastor reads odd verses; Congregation reads even

New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

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One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"The Work of the People"

Rev. Abernethy

† Hymn No. 335

"Though I May Speak"

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Reception of New Members

One: ...There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

All: *one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father
of all, who is above all and through all and in all.*

† Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us, for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilot. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Then in the fullness of time...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: You are holy, O God... For Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Prayer of Intercession/Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

Offering

Offertory

"God Be in My Head"

John Rutter

† Doxology (#592)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

OLD HUNDREDTH

† Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

† Closing Hymn No. 419

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

REPTON

† Benediction

† Choral Response

"Song of Simeon"

Arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan

† Postlude

"Sonata on the First Tone"

José Lidón (1748-1827)



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.

Upcoming Events

September 8	9:00am	First Cup Service in the Kirk Center
	11:00am	Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
September 14		SAM Five to Thrive
September 15		Session Meeting in the Kirk Center

Worship Participants for September 1, 2019

Pastor - Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Guest Organist - Dr. Kenneth Sass

Interim Dir. of Music - Matthias Young

Liturgist - Elder David Barclift



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