

GOOD HOPE

Presbyterian Church

March 24, 2019

Lord's Day Morning

PRELUDE

GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 46:1–3, 10, 11

The call to worship summons us to consider the exalted purpose for which we have been assembled, initiating the dialogue of call and response between God and His people.

No matter our circumstances, we are united as the Church, come to worship Christ.

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling . . .

Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

The Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.”

HYMN 92

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN 642

Be Thou My Vision

PRAYER OF PRAISE

CHILDREN'S STORY

(Children ages 3 and under may be dismissed to the nursery).

“And when you pray . . .

pray like this ”

Matthew 6:5, 7, 9

RESPONSIVE READING

James 4:1–12

- Leader:** “What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel.
- People:** You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?
- Leader:** Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, ‘He yearns jealously over the spirit that He has made to dwell in us?’
- People:** But He gives more grace. Therefore it says, ‘God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- Leader:** Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.
- People:** Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will exalt you.”

HYMN 36

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Tithing is an act of worship in recognition of God's sovereign authority, and an expression of deep love and thanksgiving to Him for the riches of His salvation.

RESPONSIVE READING

John 15:1–9

- Leader:** “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

If anyone does not abide in Me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

- People:** If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples. As the Father has loved Me, so I have loved you. Abide in My love.”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

HYMN

Speak O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

(Children ages 4 to 8 may be dismissed to Children's Church).

SERMON PASSAGE

Matthew 6:5–14
(page 1030, blue Bible)

SERMON

Pray Like This!

Mr. Waller

HYMN 631

From Every Stormy Wind That Blows

BENEDICTION

The benediction is a pronouncement of God's blessings and promises to His people, the Church, and a message of sending us assurance that God will equip us to serve Him as we go out into the world.

POSTLUDE

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