



Anchorage Sunday, November 19, 2023

Presbyterian Church

A Celebration of Thanksgiving

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OPENING SENTENCES

One: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof;

All: The world and those who dwell therein.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

We Gather Together

Craig Phillips

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us come together with grateful hearts, for every good gift comes from above.

All: Let us sing praises for the richness of the earth and the rhythms of the seasons.

One: In the bounty of the harvest and the fellowship of the gathered, we see the abundance of God's love.

All: Together we join in the chorus of creation, lifting our voices in thanksgiving.

One: For the beauty of nature, for the love of family and friends, for the fellowship of this community, we give thanks.

All: Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving, for in God we find our hope and our sustenance.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ HYMN 336 - We Gather Together

+ CALL TO CONFESSION

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your grateful children. We have taken the gifts of your creation for granted, and we have failed to be stewards of your abundance. We have neglected to feed the hungry, to welcome the stranger, to care for the creation, and to share our bread with the poor. Forgive us, God, for these and all our sins. Empower us to serve you with joy and thankfulness, for the sake of the healing of the world, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS & PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

+ RESPONSE

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

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As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Leni James Holtkamp

*Daughter of Melissa and David Holtkamp, sister of Luzelle
Granddaughter of Bruce and Pam Milligan, Michael and Liza Holtkamp*

INTRODUCTION

BAPTISM

UNISON PRAYER

Lord of grace, we thank you for this new sister in the faith. May your Spirit be with her and her parents, that they might have the mind of Christ. Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will, and to serve you with joy, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

RESPONSE

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

*(Children are invited to go upstairs to the nursery or Agape Kidz, for music and crafts.
All children are welcome to remain in the worship service too. We really do like having them around.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION - Betsy Lunger

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING -1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

The Spirit speaks to the church today. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING - Deuteronomy 8:7-18

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON - Rev. Tara N. Reck

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - from A Declaration of Faith (PCUS, 1977)

We believe in one true and living God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love.

Jesus, the long expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin. He lived as a Jew among Jews. He announced to his people the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace on earth. We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God's power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God himself and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.

**Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord. Amen.**

+ HYMN 367 - Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Deacon Glenna Henkenmeier

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

+ DOXOLOGY



For the Beauty of the Earth

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name

In earth and sky and sea;

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!

God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

John Rutter

+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ HYMN #643 - Now Thank We All Our God

+ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. Bach

EACM's November Needs

- laundry detergent
- feminine hygiene products
- chili & chili beans
- diced & whole canned tomatoes
- pancake mix & syrup
- diapers sizes 5&6

Our Concerns: Our Concerns: Elizabeth Vincent (daughter of Kathy Costanzo), Norma Rebik (mother of Claudia Robertson), Juanita Wagner, Faith Aeilts, Julie Matos (niece of Tom & Marsha Biven), Jo Galloway, Ray Cashen (Larry Cashen's brother), Lionel & Ellie Hawse (friends of Larry Cashen), and Dodie McKenzie's mother.

Rev. Tara Reck, Pastor

Rev. John Kubar, Associate Pastor

Dr. Robert Bozeman, Minister of Music

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