



**commit your work to the LORD and
your plans will be established** Proverbs 16:3

INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

~ African American Spiritual

~ **GATHERING** ~

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Proverbs 16:3*)

Commit your work to the Lord,
and your plans will be established.

PRELUDE HOW FAIR AND HOW PLEASANT ART THOU
arr. Marcel Dupre

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Beloved children of God, in supplication and prayer,
with intercessions and with thanksgiving,
we come to worship God.

In hope and in humility,
with joy and with concerns,
we come to worship God.

In faith and in uncertainty,
with questions and with conviction,
let us worship God.

Come, let us commit our worship to God.

***HYMN** THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD GTG #792
African American spiritual

CHILDREN OF GOD WHY DO WE... *Pour the Baptismal Waters?*

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

All: May God be with you there.

Kids: May God be with you here.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we confess that we are too concerned with our own peace.
We seek the comfort of silence, and ignore the cries of the oppressed.
We are inwardly focused, missing your call to serve the world in justice
and love. Forgive us, O God. Equip us to fulfill your will for a world in
which all know dignity and all are treated with equity, as your beloved
children. Amen. [*Silent Confession*]

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY
American folk melody

GTG #551
LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The is good news is sure:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

***RESPONSE**

I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER
African American spiritual

GTG #623



~ *THE WORD* ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE

JEREMIAH 8:18-9:1

(NRSV)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.
Thanks be to God.

***HYMN**

WE COME TO YOU FOR HEALING, LORD
by Herman G. Stuempfle Jr.

GTG #796
LAND OF REST

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 16:1-13

(NRSV)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

FROM LAMENT TO HOPE

RESPONSE

LORD, PREPARE ME
by John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

GTG #701
SANCTUARY

~ **RESPONDING TO THE WORD** ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Apostles' Creed*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY
OLD HUNDRETH

GTG #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ **SENDING** ~

***HYMN**

THERE'S A SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
by Doris Akers

GTG #408

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

DR. GRADUS AD PARNASSUM

by Claude Debussy



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