



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

INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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CHILDREN'S SABBATH SUNDAY

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“It is the responsibility of every adult... to make sure that children hear what we have learned from the lessons of life and to hear over and over that we love them and that they are not alone.” ~ Marian Wright Edelman

~ GATHERING ~

Welcome, we are glad you are here! If you are visiting us today and would like to know more about us, see our greeters, or leave your contact info and our pastor will reach out.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Luke 18:7-8*)

Will not God grant justice to those who cry out day and night?
God will grant justice to them.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

You are a God who is able to make all things right and just
This, we believe

You are a God who loves us from cradle to grave and beyond
This, we believe

You are a God who is calling us to be agents of change in this world
This, we believe

You call us to pray with our hands, our mouths, and our feet
This, we believe

You are calling us to create a just world for all of your children
This, we believe

Let us worship a God who creates and cares and loves.

*HYMN	SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART	GTG #688
	by George Croly	MORECAMBE

*POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed, you call us to seek justice, you call us to work for your peaceable kingdom; but we are satisfied with our own nourishment, order, and safety. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of the Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen. [*Silent Confession*]

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY
American folk melody

GTG #551
LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ we are loved and forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

***INSTRUMENTAL** I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER
African American spiritual

CHILDREN OF GOD

WHY DO WE?

Sing?

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

JESUS LOVES ME!
by Anna Bartlett Warner

GTG #188

LITANY OF SENDING

One: Let us send our children with God's love:
All: May God be with you there.
Kids: May God be with you here.

~ ***THE WORD*** ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE

JEREMIAH 31:27-34

(NRSV)

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 18:1-8

(NRSV)

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

SERMON

A JEREMIAD OF HOPE

RESPONSE

AMEN
Anon. Danish

GTG #601

~ **RESPONDING TO THE WORD** ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Offering plates are available in the back.

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ **SENDING** ~

***HYMN**

YOUR LAW, O LORD, IS PERFECT

GTG #61

by Keith Landis CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE**

GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

(verse 1) #541

by Jeremiah Eames Rankin

RANDOLPH

POSTLUDE

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