



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

INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Ask the questions that have no answers. Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias. Say that your main crop is the forest that you did not plant, that you will not live to harvest.

~ Wendell Berry

~ 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 (*2 Thess. 2:15-17*)

Stand firm and hold fast to your faith.

God will strengthen us in word and deed.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Isaiah 12*)

You will say in that day:

I will give thanks to you, O Lord.

Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid,

for the Lord God is my strength and my might;

The Holy One is my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say:

Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's Holy name.

Sing praises to the Lord,

let God's glory be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy,

for the Holy One of Israel is in our midst.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

*HYMN

WHERE ARMIES SCOURGE THE COUNTRYSIDE

GTG #344

by Herman G. Stuempfle Jr.

PACE MIO DIO

CHILDREN OF GOD

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

One: Let us send our children with God's love:

All: May God be with you there.

Kids: May God be with you here.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, we have fallen short. We have harbored hate. We have celebrated the pain of others. We have chosen what is easy instead of what we know is right. Empower us that we may not grow weary. Teach us that we may know what is right. We silently name our failures and lay them at your feet now. [*Silent Confession*]

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY
American folk melody

GTG #551
LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In Jesus Christ, know that we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

***INSTRUMENTAL**

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

~ *THE WORD* ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE

ISAIAH 65:17-25

(NRSV)

HYMN

ISAIAH THE PROPHET HAS WRITTEN OF OLD
by Joy F. Patterson

GTG #77
SAMANTHRA

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 21:5-19

(NRSV)

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

SERMON

PLANTING TREES

Rev. Sharon Core

RESPONSE

AMEN
Anon. Danish

GTG #601

~ **RESPONDING TO THE WORD** ~

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

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY
OLD HUNDREDTH

GTG #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ **SENDING** ~

***HYMN**

O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE
by Washington Gladden

GTG #738
MARYTON

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE**

GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN
by Jeremiah Eames Rankin

(verse 1) #541
RANDOLPH

POSTLUDE

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