

Nurture Good News

"For all of you share in God's grace." (Philippians 1:7)



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN

THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

REIGN OF CHRIST

Sunday, November 24, 2024



C.J. Briggs, Music Director
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In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit.

~ Jesus, Sermon on the Mount

~ *GATHERING TOGETHER* ~

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Matt 7:29 & Philippians 1:7*)

Jesus taught them as one having authority.

For all of us share in God's grace.

***GATHERING**

CALLED AS PARTNERS

GTG #761

by Jane Parker Huber (NETTLETON)

Verse 1

***LITANY FOR THE REIGN OF CHRIST**

Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!

Christ will reign forever and ever.

The Lord is robed in majesty and girded in strength.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

God has established the world, and God's realm will never be shaken.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

God will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity

Christ will reign forever and ever.

The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of the Lord.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

Come, let us worship Christ our King.

***HYMN**

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

GTG #353

Edward Mote

SOLID ROCK

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

CHILDREN OF GOD

THE BOY, THE MOLE, THE FOX AND THE HORSE

LITANY OF SENDING

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

All: May God be with you there.

Kids: May God be with you here.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, while we celebrate your reign and call you king, we also fail to follow your call to us. We succumb to the temptations of this temporary world: seeking power and security while you call us to service and hospitality; consuming your creation while you call us to care for it; hating our neighbors, who you call us to love. In our failure to claim you, we identify more with the nation rather than with your kingdom. We pray that you reclaim us as your people, forgive us as your children, and continue to be our Lord and our hope for salvation. Amen. [*Silent Confession*]

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #579

Russian Orthodox Chant

KYRIE ELEISON (Orthodox)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*based on Philippians 1:6-7*)

Believe the good news:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** (*from Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow*)

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

SPREAD THE WORD

OUTREACH TEAM

~ SHARING IN THE GOSPEL ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE

DEUTERONOMY 6:1-9

Pew Bible p.157(OT)

GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 7:13-29

Pew Bible p.7(INT)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.
For all of us share in God's grace.

CHORAL ANTHEM COME SING, O CHURCH, IN JOY!

by Brian Dill

GTG #305

DARWALL'S 148TH

SERMON

A TREE AND ITS FRUIT

~ *TENDING THE GOOD NEWS* ~

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

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**

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY
by Thomas Ken

GTG #675 (*Verse 4*)
TALLIS' CANON

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ *GOING FORTH TO NURTURE* ~

***HYMN**

JOY TO THE WORLD
Isaac Watts

GTG #134
ANTIOCH

***BENEDICTION** (*from Philippians 1:7, 9, MSG*)

So this is my prayer: **that our love may flourish more and more.**

POSTLUDE

Next Week: First Sunday of Advent (& Pajama Sunday)

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