

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Merle D. Lobban

Prelude on "Ellers" – David H. Hegarty
"The Lord's My Shepherd" – James Denton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the Friendship Booklet and pass it along.)

RECONCILING WITH GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O give thanks to God, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples.

People: **Sing to God, sing praises to God, tell of all God's wonderful works.**

Pastor: Glory in God's name. Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN No. 291 *"O Sing A Song of Bethlehem"*

(Lighting of the Trinitarian Candles)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

People: **In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God:**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of compassion and mercy, look with favor upon us as we confess our sins. Our faith is weak in the face of crisis. Our hope collapses when we are threatened or maligned. We seek our own safety and abandon those you love. We trust in objects we create and control. We speak much and risk little. But you, O God, have given your promise that you will never forsake us. Forgive our failure to take you at your word. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

(A brief time for silent prayers of confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: The forgiveness of God is upon you; the peace of Christ rests upon you; the grace of the Holy Spirit is placed in your life, this day and forever.

People: From this day to the end of eternity, we are God's children: citizens of God's kingdom, brothers and sisters of the Prince of Peace.

Pastor: Thanks be to God, our Creator, Redeemer, and sustainer.

RESPONSE HYMN No.107 *“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”*

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(The Lord’s Prayer may be found on the blue card in the pew)

MORNING OFFERING *“Aria” – Handel / Peterson*

***RESPONSE HYMN No.68**

“We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer Creator” (verse 1)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S TIME Margaret Gould

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

***HYMN No. #324** *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

(Children are dismissed to children’s church)

SCRIPTURE

Phidge Howe

Epistle Reading: I Corinthians 1:18-25 (pg. 1772)

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:31-37 (pg. 1567)

Reader: This is the WORD of the LORD for His people.

People: Thanks be to GOD!

MESSAGE

Pastor Dave Weber

“Cross words”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Apostles’ Creed

(The creed may be found on the blue card in the pew.)

***HYMN No. 539** *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

(Candles extinguished, Christ’s Light taken into the world.)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *“Allegro” – Walther / Norris*

* Denotes please stand as you are able

Welcome to St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church. We are glad that you have joined us for worship this morning! It is our prayer that here you will find refreshment for your spirit and new friends for your faith journey.