

# First Presbyterian Church

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*Celebrating our history, we look toward our future.*



The Pharisee and the publican by Alexandre Bida

## **The Order of Worship** **32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)** **November 12, 2017**

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**WELCOME.** *We are delighted to have you with us this morning!  
Following worship, please join us for fellowship and refreshments.*

Large Print Hymnals and Children's Activity Bags  
are available from the Usher.

## **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

One: If we will but listen,

**All: God will speak to us in parables,  
God will tell us stories lived out by our grandparents.**

One: If we will but remember,

**All: We will discover all we have heard and known,  
all the wonders God has in store for us.**

One: If we will but share,

**All: we can tell our children and grandchildren -  
even those not yet born - the glorious stories of our God.**

**One: In this spirit of listening, remembering, and sharing, let  
us come together in worship of the one who speaks to us.**

#### **\*Hymn #393**      *“O Day of Rest and Gladness”*

#### **\*Prayer of Confession:**

One: How quickly we forget - our faith, our calling, our hope.  
All because we try to do everything our way, rather than  
God's. But God is quick to forgive, and to restore us to new  
life. Let us confess to our God, as we pray, saying:

**All: It is never easy to admit how foolish we are,  
Approaching God.  
You have chosen us for yourself,  
but we continue to shelter false gods in our hearts.  
You promise to be with us in every moment,  
but we can find little time for you.**

**You send your Word to us, but we are too busy listening  
to the noise of our culture to pay attention.  
Have mercy, Eternal One, and forgive us.  
Speak to us, so we might listen,  
and in hearing be transformed into your people.  
Fill us with holiness,  
so we might give ourselves wholly to others.  
Enable us to serve you faithfully and completely,  
even as did our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

One: Our prayers continue in silence.... Amen.

**\*The Assurance of Pardon**

One: This is our assurance:

**All: God forgives us.**

One: This is our hope:

**All: God's love is everlasting.**

One: This is our truth:

**All: God is with us always.**

One: We will speak the truth; we will live the hope;  
we will share God's mercy.

**All: In Christ, by grace through faith, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Celebration of Our Pardon**

Hymn #36 "*For the Fruit of All Creation*" verse 1

*For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.*

## **\*The Peace**

One: Since God has forgiven us in Jesus Christ,

**All: Let us forgive one another.**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us share the signs of peace with one another.

*You are invited to greet those around you  
with words and signs of God's reconciling peace.*

## **Anthem**

*"The Gospel Feast"*

*Based on the hymn tunes HURSLEY  
and EUCHARISTIC HYMN*

*By Jason W. Krug*

The Bell Choir, Marcia Rash, Director

## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scripture Readings:**

Psalm 51:14-19, Matthew 6:1-14, and James 2:14-20

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** "Making Thoughts and Prayers Meaningful Again"

The Rev. Robert Hamilton

**\*Hymn #465** *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

- *From "A Brief Statement of Faith"*

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**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!"**

**With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing can separate us from the love of  
God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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

## **Reception of Tithes & Offerings**

### **Offertory**

*"Amazing Grace"*

incorporating *"Grace Greater Than All Our Sin"*

Music by: Daniel B Towner

Arranged by: Michael Helman

### **\*Offertory Response**

Hymn #36 *"For the Fruit of All Creation"* verse 2

*In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.  
In our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.*

## **\*Offertory Prayer**

### **The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical)**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #719**                    *“Come Labor On”*

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Response**

Hymn #36 *“For the Fruit of All Creation”*    verse 3

*For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.*

*For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.*

*For the wonders that astound us,*

*for the truths that still confound us,*

*most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.*

**Postlude**

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**Prayer Requests/Prayer Chain:** Prayer requests can be written on the blue cards found on the table at the back of the Fellowship Hall. Pass the card to the pastor during the Passing of the Peace.