

New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church
Celebration of Worship
February 10, 2019

Striking of the Hour *“God All Nature Sings Thy Glory”*

Call to Worship (Luke 12)

Church, we come before the Father through Christ Jesus. In Him we find our abiding and full treasure.

Liturgy of the Word (Psalm 49; Malachi 3; Romans 1; Lamentations 3)

Be not afraid when a man becomes rich, when the glory of his house increases. **For our God's righteousness and justice are unchanging, and His mercies are new every morning.** Human beings in their arrogance, yet without understanding, are like the beasts that perish. **Therefore, we are not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.**

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we also forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

Hymn: *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

Hymn: *“Luke 15”*

Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon (Luke 12; Hebrews 13; Galatians 5)

O God of blessing, we confess that we too often forget that You are the source of our life. **Instead, we look to the abundance of our possessions and the false security of full bank accounts. Proper love for You and matters of Your kingdom is often squelched by a love for money. We place contentment far from us. Though Your Son has promised to never leave nor forsake us, we would rather draw our comfort from salaries**

and retirement plans. Under the guise of being wise with what You have provided, our hearts have wandered into coveting what could never satisfy. Forgive our greed and misplaced priorities. Grow in us a deeper love for Christ and the fruits of the Spirit through the love You have first given to us.

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (Luke 12 and 1 Corinthians 1)

Beloved, fear not, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom! **The same Christ who is our forgiveness, justification, and redemption, is also our greatest treasure. His reward is with Him in the heavens and can never be threatened by thief nor moth. By the transforming power of His Spirit, where Christ is, our hearts are also. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Psalms: King David laments the brevity of his life and the vanity of his wealth before God's holy hand. (Psalm 39:1-13)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Doxology *"God All Nature Sings Thy Glory"*

Sermon: *"Short-Sightedness"* (Luke 12:13-21)

Hymn: *"Be Thou My Vision"*

Hymn: *"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"*

Parting Liturgy (Matthew 6; 1 Corinthians 6; Joshua 24)

Church, no one can serve two masters, for you cannot love both equally. You cannot serve God and money. **But we have been bought with a price higher than we can imagine; purchased by the precious blood of Christ. Therefore, as for us, we will serve the LORD.**

Benediction (Psalm 118 and Hebrews 13)

May your hearts be comforted and take great courage in knowing that the LORD God is your Helper. His steadfast love endures forever!

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.