

New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church
Celebration of Worship
February 3, 2019

Striking of the Hour *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”*

Call to Worship (Luke 12)

People of God, nothing is covered up now that will not be revealed in the Day of the Lord. Nothing is hidden that will not be known.

Liturgy of the Word (Luke 12)

Jesus says to His friends, “Do not fear those who kill the body, and after that having nothing more that they can do.” **Rather, we fear God, for though He is mindful of every sparrow of the air, He cares for us so much more!** Even the hairs of our head are all numbered in the mind of our God. **Through Jesus, the Great Judge of all creation has become our caring Father. Praise be to His name!**

Invocation

Hymn: *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

Hymn: *“Psalm 146: Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah!”*

Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon (Luke 12; Proverbs 30; Romans 3)

Our holy Judge, we are reminded every day that we live among a wicked and perverse generation. **Our nation treats human beings as things to be owned, kept or discarded according to the convenience of the powerful. Our people lust for material gain without limits, and they pursue comfort, ease, and blessing, even through violence, as though they are entitled to these things. And yet, we do not want to be pure in our own eyes though covered with our own filth. We, too, hate our fellow man through anger and judgment instead of loving with peace and grace. We, too, are discontent with Your blessings and are greedy for gain. We, too, are quick to fight for comforts we believe are owed to us. And so we pray that You will judge the Lord Jesus in our place, forgive our sin, and declare us righteous in His Name.**

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (Luke 12; 1 John 4; Isaiah 53)

Children of the Great Judge, the Lord Jesus has acknowledged you before the throne of His Father. **We do not fear the righteous punishment of God because the perfect love of our Savior casts out all fear. He who bore the chastisement of God upon Himself is now alive and dwelling among us that we might know this perfect love to the end. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

A reading from Isaiah: The LORD speaks through the prophet to redirect fearful Israel's gaze so that they might see Him. (Isaiah 51:7-16)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Doxology *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”*

Sermon: *“Falsehoods to Fear”* (Luke 12:1-12)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Words of Institution and Fencing the Table (Luke 12; Luke 22)

He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

The hairs of our heads are numbered because of His faithful love. So we will have no fear, for He has valued our lives in Christ.

He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

And so we will acknowledge Him before men, because by His grace He has presented us before the Father as His own.

Come to the Table...

Communion Hymn: *"I Will Glory in My Redeemer"*

Communion Hymn: *"Luke 15"*

Communion Hymn: *"He Will Hold Me Fast"*

Communion Hymn: *"Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"*

Parting Liturgy (Galatians 1)

Church, do not fear man or anything he can say or do to you. **For are we seeking the approval of man, or of God? If we were still trying to please human beings, we would not be servants of Christ.**

Benediction (Revelation 20)

Blessed and holy are those who are united to Christ and share in His resurrection! Over such the second death of God's judgment has no power, for they will forever be priests of God!

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.