

**New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church**  
**Celebration of Worship**  
**January 13, 2019**

**Striking of the Hour**     *“How Firm a Foundation”*

**Call to Worship** (1 Peter 5)

Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exult you.

**Liturgy of the Word** (Titus 2)

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all kinds of people. **This grace trains us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age.** We wait for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. **He gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.**

**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:** *“Come Thou Fount”*

**Hymn:** *“Psalm 15: To Dwell with God”*

**Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon** (Proverbs 3 and Hebrews 12)

Great and merciful God, You are a shield about us, and the grace of Your righteous Son, Jesus, sustains us. **We are a people in need of Your shelter because we are vulnerable. We confess that we have made improper provisions for the flesh to gratify its desires. Instead of appealing to the Word, we entertained the counsel of our own wisdom. Instead of**

**petition we have chosen complaint. We have leaned on our own understanding, and trusted in ourselves. Our paths and decisions are twisted, because we have failed to acknowledge You. We have despised Your discipline, forgetting that You reprove those whom You love. Precious Father, through Your Holy Spirit we ask for Your pardon and correction. Lead us in the paths of repentance through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.**

*Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.*

#### **Assurance of Pardon (Titus 1)**

**Beloved, our redemption in Christ is sure. Through Him our sins are forgiven according to the overwhelming riches of His grace. We have received the promise of the gospel in Christ, the hope of eternal life, which God promised long ages ago, and at the proper time made known. We have heard His word, in its proclamation, and we have been granted faith according to the commandment of God our Savior. Amen.**

#### **Old Testament Reading**

A reading from Ezekiel: Concerned for the good of His people Israel, the Lord God promises a true shepherd to care for them. (Ezekiel 34:11-24)

#### **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

#### **Doxology** *“How Firm a Foundation”*

#### **Preparation for Baptism (Deuteronomy 6 and Acts 2)**

**Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.**

Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of His Holy Spirit. **For this**

**promise is for us and for our children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the LORD our God calls to Himself.**

**Words of Instruction**

**Sign of God's Covenant in Baptism**

**Hymn:** *"Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You"*

**Sermon:** *"Ordering the Church: God's Undershepherds"* (1 Timothy 3:1-7)

**Hymn:** *"Abide with Me"*

**Hymn:** *"Nothing but the Blood"*

**Parting Liturgy** (1 Peter 5)

Church, when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. **Let the young in the faith be subject to the elders, and let the elders follow the example of Christ, not domineering over the church, but shepherding out of love and service.**

**Benediction** (1 Peter 5)

May we all clothe ourselves with humility toward one another, for God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble in Christ Jesus.

**Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.**