

**New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church**  
**Celebration of Worship**  
**January 20, 2019**

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

**Call to Worship** (1 Timothy 3)

We gather together as the household of God, the church of the living the God, a pillar and foundation of the truth.

**Liturgy of the Word** (Psalm 119 and Romans 13)

When we consider our ways, O Lord, we turn our feet and set our hearts on Your testimonies. **We hasten to keep Your commandments. Though the cords of the wicked ensnare us, we do not forget Your law.** At midnight we rise to praise You, because of Your righteous commands. **In Christ, Your law and Your grace meet forever as friends for through faith You have united us to Him.**

**Invocation**

**Hymn:** *“Father, Long Before Creation”*

**Hymn:** *“Psalm 84 (Within Your House)”*

**Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon** (Psalm 38)

Great Father, because of Your grace we draw near to You and seek Your forgiveness. We need Your mercy and long for Your righteousness. **Pardon us, Your people in Christ, for our transgressions and sins. We have rebelled in our hearts. Our iniquities burden us, for they are weighty. Because of our sin and folly our souls are not well. Our hearts are burning and there is no soundness in our flesh. Lord, all our sorrow is before You and our sighing is not hidden from You. Our strength fails us and the light of our eyes has dimmed within us. Forgive Your people. Restore us and raise us from our despair. Remind us of our position in Christ and of the surety of His work that we might live godly lives pleasing to You.**

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

## **Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 130)**

Children of God, the Lord hears your voice for His ears are attentive to your pleas for mercy. **And with the Lord there is forgiveness, that He may be feared. Our souls wait for the Lord for in Him we have placed our hope. With the Lord there is steadfast love. With the Lord there is plentiful redemption. And in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, He has redeemed us from all our iniquities. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

A reading from Exodus: Israel responds to God's command by bringing their various contributions to the building of His house. (Exodus 35:4-29)

## **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

## **Doxology** *"How Firm a Foundation"*

**Sermon:** *"Ordering the Church: Life in God's Family"* (1 Timothy 3:14-16)

## **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 (1 Corinthians 11, Psalm 23)**

The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

**He has prepared this table before us. He has anointed our heads with oil, and overflowed for us the cup of blessing.**

In the same way He also took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our life, and we shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Come to the Table...

**Communion Hymn:** *“What Wondrous Love Is This”*

**Communion Hymn:** *“The Church’s One Foundation”*

**Communion Hymn:** *“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”*

**Communion Hymn:** *“Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand”*

**Parting Liturgy** (1 Timothy 3)

Church, Christ was manifested in the flesh and vindicated by the Spirit. **He was seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, and taken up in glory.**

**Benediction** (1 Timothy 1)

May the grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord be with you!

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