

New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church
Celebration of Worship
January 6, 2019

Striking of the Hour: *"How Firm a Foundation"*

Call to Worship (Psalm 63)

O God, You are our God; earnestly we seek You; our souls thirst for You!

Liturgy of the Word (Psalm 63)

Our flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. **So we have looked upon You in the sanctuary and beheld Your power and glory.** Because Your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise You. **So we will bless You in worship as long as we live. In Your name we will lift up our hands in praise!**

Invocation

Hymn: *"Psalm 15: To Dwell with God"*

Hymn: *"God the Spirit"*

Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon (Psalm 29; 1 Timothy 2)

O Lord our God, we confess that, with dull hearts, we have failed to ascribe to You the glory that is due Your name. **Your voice, powerful and majestic, has thundered over the waters. Your voice, flashing like fire, has declared what is true, for You are the One who sits enthroned as king forever. And yet, in our striving for status, we have neglected to lift our hearts in prayer and to adorn our lives with good works. We must confess that we've polluted our worship of You with anger and quarreling. We've even yielded ourselves to popular trends of this world rather than submitting our lives to Your order. Have mercy, Father, and give strength to us, Your people. Bless us with peace in Jesus, and we will honor Your name with our worship. Amen.**

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (1 Timothy 2) and Intercessory Prayer

Church, there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. **He gave Himself as a ransom for all – this is the testimony given by the Scriptures – for God desires that all people be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. Thanks be to God who has atoned for our sin by the righteousness of His Son. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

A reading from Genesis: Having formed man from the dust, God completes the reflection of His image by forming woman from man. (Genesis 2:15-25)

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: Priorities for Worship”* (1 Timothy 2:1-15)

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: *“O Sacred Head now Wounded”*

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

Communion Hymn: *“In Feast or Fallow”*

Communion Hymn: *“For All the Saints”*

Parting Liturgy (1 Timothy 6)

People of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness and gentleness. **We will fight the good fight of the faith, taking hold of the eternal life to which we were called and about which we have confessed.**

Benediction (1 Timothy 6)

To the Lord Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, be honor and dominion forever. And may the grace of God be with you all!

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.