

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

Striking of the Hour *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

Call to Worship (2 Peter 3)

Church, the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Liturgy of the Word (Luke 18 and 1 Thessalonians 5)

Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth? For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. **But since we belong to the day, let us be sober.** For in Jesus you have put on the breastplate of faith and love, and the hope of salvation like a helmet. **For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Invocation

Hymn: *“Come, Thou Almighty King”*

Hymn: *“Psalm 96b (Let the Earth Rejoice)”*

Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon (Matthew 24 and Luke 12)

Holy Father, we do not know the day or the hour of Your Son's return. He has only told us to be ready at all times. **And yet we confess that we often lack readiness. Instead of having our attention fixed on the door of His arrival, our hearts are drawn to the amusements and distractions of our pleasures. Instead of remaining alert to our calling, our spirits slumber in forgetfulness, demanding comfort above all else. The Lord Jesus has clearly told us that His return is real, but we have considered His delay a license for our flesh instead of the gracious patience that it is. Forgive our worldliness, Father, and make us faithful servants because of the obedience of Your Great Servant, Jesus.**

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (John 13 and Luke 12)

Church, because of His blood and the promises made in baptism, the Lord Jesus says to us, **“The one who has bathed does not need to wash but is completely clean.”** And we are clean indeed, because Christ our Savior has dressed Himself for service and has served us in His death and resurrection. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Old Testament Reading

A reading from Isaiah: The prophet anticipates the consummation of God’s salvation and the joy of His people who have awaited His coming. (Isaiah 25:6-9)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Doxology *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

Sermon: *“Be Ready”* (Luke 12:35-48)

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: *“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”*

Communion Hymn: *“Yet Sovereign Mercy Calls”*

Communion Hymn: *“We are not Overcome”*

Communion Hymn: *“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”*

Parting Liturgy (Luke 12 and 1 Timothy 3)

Who then is the faithful and wise Manager, whom His master will set over his household? **His name is Jesus Christ! He rules over the household of God and He now continues His ministry in us and through us and only through Him can we be found faithful.**

Benediction (Luke 12 and Ephesians 2)

Blessed is that servant whom his Master will find in faith and obedience when He comes. By the grace and faith given by the Spirit, may you be found faithful!

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.