

## Lord's Day Worship

October 24, 2021

\*(Asterisk) indicates *Please stand as you are able.*

### PRAISE

\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn

*"Sing Praise to the Father"*

### RENEWAL

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Heavenly Father, have mercy on us. Though we have received your lavish love and unfailing forgiveness, we find it hard to love each other well. Our fallen nature draws us into fascination with ourselves, and a tendency to despise people who are different from us or don't agree with us. Instead of cultivating a love that covers sin, we rehearse in our minds the sins of those we dislike, so that we can feel superior. Father, forgive us. Thank you for cleansing away our sin, and your refusal to remember our sin and hold it against us. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior and friend. (silent prayer)**

\*Song

*"O Lord, Our Rock and Our Redeemer"*

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## COMMITMENT

Offering & Song

*"We Lift Our Voices"*

New Testament Reading

John 15:12-17

\*Hymn

*"Open Our Eyes, Lord"*

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 17:55 – 18:4

Sermon

*"The Gift of Friendship"*

\*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed (c. 3<sup>rd</sup> century)

**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 Spirit, 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 is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy universal Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Closing Song

*"Blessed Assurance"*

\*Benediction

\*Dismissal

Church, where are you going?

**We go forth to serve God's world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

Glory to God!

## Stewardship 2021 - "We Are an Offering"

Jesus told a story about a rich man whose land produced a bumper crop, making him even richer. He thought himself secure, but God said to him, *"Fool! This night your soul will be required of you . . ."* Jesus then said, *"So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."* (Luke 12:13-21)

How do we become *rich toward God*? In the story of the rich fool, our Lord had no problem with the man being rich. But he was judged a fool because he didn't consider God in his decision making about his abundance. He did not consult God about how he might use his windfall to bless others. He was rich in things and poor toward God

- A generous heart that loves and blesses others is *rich toward God*.
- Using your gifts and passions to make the world a better place makes you *rich toward God*.
- Making that which is temporary the servant of that which is eternal makes you *rich toward God*.
- Living in gratitude, knowing that every good gift we enjoy comes from God's hand makes you *rich toward God*.
- Trusting God to faithfully supply everything you really need makes you *rich toward God*.
- Knowing that our lives, and not just our financial gifts, is the offering God seeks makes us *rich toward God*.

**We Are an Offering**

**Commitment Sunday is November 14**



# CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“...so that Jesus Christ might come to have first place in everything.” Colossians 1:18 (b) NRSV

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October 24, 2021 | Pastor Phil Moran  
“The Gift of Friendship”  
I Samuel 17:55 – 18:4

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