

## Lord's Day Worship

November 7, 2021

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

### PRAISE

\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn

*"O How Good It Is"*

### RENEWAL

\* Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God our Father, you are holy in all your ways, yet you stoop to love us, fallen and sinful rebels that we are. We confess that we find it difficult to live in community as you call us to. We are judgmental toward others, and we frequently give ourselves over to malice, hypocrisy, envy, deceit, and slander. In our minds, we rehearse endlessly the sins and weaknesses of others as we justify ourselves and feel superior. Father, forgive us. We cast ourselves on your mercy and thank you for the blood of Christ that cleanses us from all sin. By your grace and power, may we love one another as you have loved us.** (silent prayer)

\*Song

*"Forgiven"*

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

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

\*Hymn

*"Bind Us Together"*

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 22:1-5

Sermon

*"An Army of Misfits"*

Prayer

\* Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1 (1563)

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

**That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

\* Song

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

The Lord's Supper

\* Closing Song

*"Christ is Mine Forevermore"*

\* 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*

God's Word in the book of Proverbs offers a simple principle for honoring God with our money: *"Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce"* (Prov. 3:9). The principle of *first fruits* means giving back to God the first and best portion of what He has so generously given us. But too many Christians are in the habit of giving God leftovers. That is, making a gift out of the surplus remaining when all our needs and wants have been met. We know at a deep level that such giving requires no sacrifice, and does not honor the One who *"... did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all..."* (Romans 8:32).

The way to break the habit of giving leftovers is the biblical principle of percentage giving. The giving of a tithe (10%) begins in Genesis with Abraham and is taught throughout the Bible. If you can't see any way to begin at 10%, consider beginning at 3% or 5% of your income, then growing 1% each year until you reach 10%. Whatever percentage you prayerfully decide, make it the first item in your budget, not the last. Now you're honoring the Lord with the first fruits.

But the first gift that God desires is ourselves. Jesus said the greatest commandment is: *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind"* (Matthew 22:37). The first step of faithful stewardship is to give ourselves to the Lord who gave himself for us.

*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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November 7, 2021 | Pastor Phil Moran  
“An Army of Misfits”  
I Samuel 22:1-5

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