

Welcome

Thank you for joining us today. We are a welcoming congregation and if you are new to our church and would like to make this your home for worship, please see Pastor Michael Askew or an Elder after the service.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

(* = please stand)

***Prelude #635**

"I Come to the Garden"

Congregation

Opening Prayer

Dave Balmer

Call to Worship

Betsy Balmer

One: The One who commands the clouds calls us to be poured out for others.

All: We can, by faith, be the waters of peace which quench the fires of hatred.

One: The One who creates mercy and hope, longs for a world of fair play and grace.

All: We can, by faith, let righteousness and justice be our constant companions.

One: The One who is with us in every moment composes a love-song for our hearts.

All: We can, by faith, teach this song to everyone we meet.

***Hymn #91**

"Old Rugged Cross"

Congregation

Scripture

Psalms 82 (pg. 420)

Betsy Balmer

Call to Reconciliation

Betsy Balmer

One: Being human, we never find it easy to ask for forgiveness. But as God's children, called to live in relationship with one another, we know we must speak of how we have hurt others, so we might be forgiven and restored to new life. Please join me as we pray to God, saying,

All: What more can we say, Expectant God, that you don't know already? You long for justice for all people, but it is washed away by the flood of violence in our world. You hope that righteousness will walk with us, but

you hear the clear cries of those we mistreat. You ask us to speak up for those in need, but we shut our mouths and turn away.

(A Moment of Silent Prayer)

All: Forgive us, Righteous God. Have mercy when we do not bear the fruit we could. Even though we have not lived our faith to the fullest, may we receive the promises of hope and grace you have given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

Betsy Balmer

One: Shhh, listen! Can you hear them? The saints of heaven - those who have gone on before us - are cheering us on as we run towards the finish line of our faith.

All: Thanks be to God! The victory has already been won for us in Jesus Christ. We are forgiven. Amen.

***Gloria Patri #813**

Congregation

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Betsy Balmer

The peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also, with you.**
(Please pass signs of peace and forgiveness with those seated around you)

***Hymn #55**

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Congregation

Life of the Church This Week

Betsy Balmer

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Betsy Balmer

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

The Lord's Prayer, *(Inside cover Red Book)*

Congregation

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Scripture

Matthew 18:21-25 (page 695)

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

***Anthem #271**

“Joyful we Adore You”

Congregation

Sermon: (What does the Lord Require of You?) Love Mercy: When Grace Gets Personal

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***The Apostles' Creed** (*Inside cover Red Book*)

Congregation

Call to Offering

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

Offertory

Piano Music

***Doxology**

Congregation

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Charge and Blessing**

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

We leave now in order to follow God into the world.

All: We will go to bring the healing and peace of Jesus to all.

***Sung Benediction** (*Please face the center*)

Congregation

All: May the Lord, Mighty Lord bless and keep you forever.

Grant you peace, perfect peace, and courage in every endeavor.

Lift your eyes and see His face, see His grace forever.

May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever.

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Presbyterian Church
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**Our Vision: Transforming lives by the love of
Christ Jesus through witness, mission, and evangelism.**

**Our Mission: To be a place where the community can come
together in Christ and provide, through God and his Word, love,
comfort and joy to all.**