

First Presbyterian Church, Danville, VA

Morning Worship—November 8, 2020

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

DRAWN IN TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S GRACE

As the chimes ring in the worship hour, we invite people to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship. ***Please note: There will be no congregational singing at this time.***

Worship Participants: Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart, Heather Perryman, David Clark, and Brenna Takata

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Voluntary in C”

by Dr. William Croft

INVOCATION: Let us rise and meet our Creator. Let us acknowledge that God’s Holy Spirit moves among us, calling us to new life in Christ. Let us raise our eyes, knowing that this new life of stewardship for all God’s creation is seen in the life of Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to worship a generous and loving God.

All: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

One: We will praise the Lord as long as we have breath.

All: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

One: Our hope is in our Lord, our God.

All: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

One: We give thanks for the gift of all of God’s creation.

All: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

One: We give thanks for God’s help in times of need.

All: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

One: We give thanks for God’s mercy in times of trouble.

All: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

One: We know that God will be with us always.

All: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

CALL TO CONFESSION

On this day of commitment, we confess together that a generous spirit does not always accompany our acts of giving.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, forgive us. Our efforts to love you with heart, soul, mind, and strength often fall short. Our lack of trust in you hinders our ability to give ourselves completely to you. We stubbornly deny that you know what is best for us. Our mindset of meagerness keeps us from loving our neighbors, and ourselves. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God’s love—shown to us through Jesus—is greater than our shortcomings. The blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purifies our conscience from dead works to worship the living God.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

DRAWN TOGETHER TO EMBODY GOD'S GRACE**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER****MUSIC MEDITATION***"Untitled"*

by Heather Sorenson

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Beth

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deut. 10:14, I Tim 6: 17-21, I Pet 4:10-11

SERMON*"Extending God's Grace Through Stewardship"*

Rev. Dr. Broschart

HYMN OF RESPONSE*"Lord of All Good"*

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BLESSING OF THE COMMITMENT CARDS:**Sarah E. Weaver (C) 2011**

We dedicate our gifts to you, O God

Help us to use them to glorify you; to be vessels of your work in this world.

We dedicate our pledges and our financial commitments to you, O God.

Guide our leaders as they prepare us financially for the upcoming year.

Use us, O God, to do your work in this world.

Encourage us to see that we are all ministers called into the Body of Christ. Use us in our service.

We pray over these gifts, blessing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

DRAWN FORTH TO EXTEND GOD'S GRACE**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE***"Toccata in d"*

by Johann Pachelbel

Please remain seated for the final offering of JOY AND PRAISE as you prepare your hearts to share the gospel message to those you encounter this week.

The Congregational Meeting will begin immediately following the service.

The flowers that enhance our worship are given in memory of Catherine Deaver Cuttle, Bob Cuttle, and Charles Cuttle, and in honor of Elizabeth Cuttle by Parks, Frances, and John Newby.

AIDS TO WORSHIP

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.

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.

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray, Give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
Teach us to know the truth that sets us free; Grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.

Take Thou our hearts, O Christ—they are Thine own; Come Thou within our souls and claim Thy throne; Help us to shed abroad Thy deathless love; Use us to make the earth like heaven above.

Take Thou our wills, Most High! Hold Thou full sway; Have in our inmost souls Thy perfect way;
Guard Thou each sacred hour from selfish ease; Guide Thou our ordered lives as Thou dost please.

Take Thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will; Through our surrendered souls Thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to Thee—time, talents, all; We hear, and henceforth heed, Thy sovereign call.

Lord of All Good

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You; Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges brought anew, that our whole life is offered to your will.

We give our minds to understand Your ways; hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great design;
Heart with the flame of your own love ablaze: till for Your glory all our powers combine.

Father, whose bounty all creation shows; Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows: to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.