Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

SERVING TODAY

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First Presbyterian Church

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A Service for the Worship of God

GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

As you enter the sanctuary please end your conversations and respect those worshipers who seek quiet time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all electronic devices. If you need a hearing assistance device, please request one from the usher. Remaining seated is as worshipful a posture as standing. Please worship in a way that is comfortable for you.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude Meditation on "Middlebury"

D. Hegarty

Invocation

Gracious God, Your gifts surround us in all stages of our lives and in all circumstances of our lives. Help us to trust you for what we need. Help us to call on you for the strength we need for the tasks you call us to, so that we are faithful to the end. Help us to give with joy. We gather now to offer our worship to you. We bring our prayers and praises, our open ears and our willing hearts. Amen

Call to Worship

One: We gather in Abundance, away from the rush and the race, to celebrate the generous spirit that sings, without fear, "may all have enough."

Many: We gather to live into the work of God's call.

One: We gather in Grace, awake to the sin of despair and degradation, awake to the chance to be more and the possibilities seeded within.

Many: We gather to grow: to change moment-by-moment, in grace again-and-again.

One: We gather in Hope, ready to do more than talk, ready to make change one letter, one meal, one home, one gift, and one hand at a time. Ready to live and move and be. Ready to be the Change God calls us to be.

Many: We gather to give of our time and our talents, our hopes and our energy. We gather to be the people of God.

*Hymn "All People that on Earth Do Dwell"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY—Christian Education Committee at 4:30 in Westminster.

TUESDAY— No Handbell Choir

WEDNESDAY—Wednesday Night Dinner 6 p.m., **Youth Activities** 6 p.m.

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal.

SATURDAY—Men's Breakfast in Westminster at 8:00.

SUNDAY—Annual Congregational meeting for the purpose of electing officers and approving the terms of call for the Senior Pastor.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of those with an October birthday by Joyce Perez

Six Key Financial Principles

As we begin our stewardship emphasis, you are encouraged to look closely at biblical principles of money management and learn how they apply them to your daily life.

We hope you will take time this week to read these principles and Scriptures. They will make a great table devotional for you and your family. By practicing these biblical principles, all of us can find greater simplicity, contentment, generosity, and joy for our lives.

1. Put God first in your living and giving. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

Put God first in your living and your giving. Give your tithe and offering from the "top" of your paycheck, and then live on whatever remains.

2. Prepare a spending plan and track all expenses monthly. (Proverbs 27:23-24)

Creating a budget means developing a plan in which you tell your money what you want it to do. Tracking your expenses is like getting on the scales to see how you are doing.

- 3. Simplify your lifestyle; live below your means. (Matthew 6:19-33) Because this discipline is critical to the success of any financial plan, next Sunday's sermon will be devoted to this topic.
- 4. Provide immediately for an emergency fund. (1 Timothy 6:9-12)
 An emergency fund is an account separate from checking or long-term savings that is set aside specifically for emergencies.
- 5. Pay off all credit card debt; use cash or debit cards, not credit cards. (Proverbs 22:7)

As you are building your emergency fund, begin to pay off your credit card debt and start using cash or debit cards for purchases. If you must use a credit card, be sure to pay off the debt monthly.

6. **Practice long-range saving and investing habits.** (Luke 14:28) Saving money is the Number 1 wise money management principle everyone should practice. There are three types of savings we should have: emergency savings, savings for wants and goals, and retirement savings.

Call to Confession

Together we confess that a generous spirit does not always accompany our acts of giving—rather it is the giving of our time, talents, or treasures.

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

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.

As we begin our season of Stewardship, hear our hesitancy to commit more to your Kingdom as we pray in silence to hear your leading

Silence is kept

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.

The Peace of Christ:

The Lord Be With You

And also with you.

Leader: Let us, the children of God, greet each other with signs of peace, peace of Christ to you!

Response

"Gloria Patri"

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

Time for Young Disciples

(Children through 4th Grade should leave for Sunday School. Their teachers will wait for them at the side door at the left of the sanctuary

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Invitation to the Offering

Gracious and loving God, as a community of faith we share these gifts. We pray that you will bless them, and bless us, as we are the hands of Christ that build your kingdom. We pray that they will bring honor and glory to you as we work together in love. We pray that they will bring comfort and blessing to the needy and oppressed. And we pray that they will be a light to guide all to a closer relationship with you. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Offertory "Aria" for Handbells

D. Paxton

*Doxology

Prayers of the People

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn "Lord, Prepare Me" GTG#701

Scripture 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Sermon "Enough: When Dreams Become Nightmares"

Stewardship Affirmation

We believe in God, Creator of the universe, Giver of every good gift, Author of life itself.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who reminded us of the coming of God's kingdom, who commanded us to care for those in need, who taught us to store up treasures in heaven, not on earth, and who gave us the example of self-giving love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God's gifts, in whom we live and move and have our being, by whom all things are possible.

We believe that God has given us gifts to be shared freely and generously, in a spirit of love and joy. We acknowledge that we are merely stewards of all that is God's, caretakers of God's home. We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship, a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly. We believe that God has great things in store for us, for it is in giving that we receive.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

The Sending brings our worship full circle. We have been gathered and shaped into a community, one body in Christ. With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ's body in the world. We are sent, always to gather again around the means of grace—God's Word and sacraments.

Closing Hymn

"Great God of Every Blessing"

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Charge to the Congregation

Go now into God's world, ready and willing to be loving, trusting, and generous people. Go with the assurance that God's Spirit is within you, making it evident that you are a child of God who cares for all of God's children and desires to bring them to Christ. Amen.

Postlude Episode on "Hyrfrydol"

D. Paxton

(Please Remain Seated)

Benediction

Personal Reflection:

- 1. Think about how money has affected you in positive and negative ways. Are you living above your means?
- 2. Thank God for what you have and then consider each purchase this week by asking yourself, "Do I really *NEED* this? Or do I really *WANT* this?
- 3. Invite someone to join you for part 2 next week!