

9:30 am

November 26, 2017

WE COME TO WORSHIP THE LIVING LORD

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Introit

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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*(At the sound of the music, the congregation begins the discipline of silent prayer;
so all might prepare their hearts and minds for the divine service.)*

WE PRAISE THE TRIUNE GOD

Call To Worship

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Let us worship God.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made the heavens and the earth.**

***Prayer of Adoration**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

***Processional Hymn 559**

We Gather Together

Dedication of Quilted Banners

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

WE TURN FROM SIN AND SEEK HOLINESS

Call to Confession

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

Come now and let us make confession to God the Lord together;
let everyone, with me, acknowledge our sin and shortcomings:

Prayer of Confession

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

(The Prayer of Confession and the Absolution are from 1539; they were used by both John Calvin at Geneva and John Knox in Scotland.)

**Almighty God, eternal Father,
we acknowledge and confess to you
that we were born in unrighteousness.
Our life is full of sin and transgression;
we have not gladly believed your Word
nor followed your holy commandments.
For your goodness' sake and for your name's sake,
be gracious unto us, we pray, and forgive us all our sin,
which is very great. Amen.**

Let each of us come before the face of the Lord,
confessing our own faults.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance and Absolution

The Rev. Mr. Gruver

This saying is true and we should believe it: that Christ Jesus came into the world to rescue sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. To all those who repent, therefore, I proclaim to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri**

No. 579

**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.**

Children Grade 1-6 will be dismissed to Church School at this time. Church School teachers will be at the rear sanctuary doors to escort your child to Witherspoon Center. Children may be picked up by their parents in Witherspoon, located in the rear parking lot, at 10:40 am.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S HOLY WORD

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Ms. Amelia Paulson

(Adapted from the Reformed liturgy of Strasbourg by Martin Bucer (about 1540).)

**Almighty and ever gracious God,
since all our salvation depends upon your holy Word:
therefore grant that our hearts
may be set free from worldly things,
so that we may with all diligence and faith hear your Word,
rightly understand your gracious will,
and in all sincerity live according to the same,
to your praise and glory; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

First Lesson

Colossians 1:11-23

Ms. Amelia Paulson

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God!

Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mr. Tyler Parsons

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God!

Sermon

In Christ Alone

The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Faulkner

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S VOICE

***Hymn of Response 379**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

***Affirmation of Faith** (responsively) Ms. Amelia Paulson & Mr. Tyler Parsons
(The antiphonal form of the Apostles' Creed is from the liturgy of Ulrich Zwingli at Zurich,
Easter Sunday 1525.)

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

Women: and in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,

Men: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

Women: born of the virgin Mary,

Men: suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.

Women: He descended into hell.

Men: The third day he rose again from the dead.

Women: He ascended into heaven

Men: and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.

Women: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Men: I believe in the Holy Ghost,

Women: the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

Men: the forgiveness of sins,

Women: the resurrection of the body,

Men: and the life everlasting.

All: Amen.

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S FAITHFULNESS
BY OFFERING OUR RESOURCES AND OUR THANKS**

Call to Present Our Offerings to the Lord

Mr. Ian Willoughby

Offertory

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Gilbert

***Doxology**

No. 592

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**

Mr. Ian Willoughby

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

WE GO FORTH TO PRAY AND SERVE

***Sending Hymn 554**

Let All Things Now Living

***Charge and Pastoral Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

(The congregation will please be seated.)

Silent Prayer

Postlude

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