

# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2019

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor

Elder Greg Vogel, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

**Doug Marshall, President & CEO, Presbyterian Home for Children, Guest Speaker**

Prelude "Blessed Assurance" Dr. Jeff Gilbreath

## We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

Pastor's Welcome (Please sign the friendship roster.)

Stewardship Minute: Faith-giving Harold Culbert

Call to Worship

One: With steadfast love and growing faith,

**All: We come as the people of Christ.**

One: With prayers of hope and songs of joy,

**All: We come to worship God, eternal and ever-loving.**

One: With thankful hearts and humble prayers,

**All: We come to give God glory and praise. Here we are together as people of faith and hope to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ.**

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Worship "For the Beauty of the Earth" #14  
*Please pass your prayer cards to the aisle for pickup.*

Call to Confession: We cannot earn God's grace or favor. It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given. Confident of God's love for us, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**Prayer of Confession: Holy and gracious God, in Christ all things are made new, including us. Yet, we confess that the "old self" often has more sway than the "new self" your life offers. We are plagued by fear, worry and doubt despite our new identity as your beloved children. Anger, resentment and hatred wreak havoc in our relationships, even though you are the Prince of Peace. We are consumed with regrets, shame and guilt despite the forgiveness you freely give us. We want it to be otherwise, Lord. We want to live fully in the joy of your salvation. Through your forgiving love reconcile us to you and to one another, that we may trust in your goodness, and rest in your grace, we pray. Amen.** (We make our silent confession.)

Hymn "Change My Heart, O God" #695

Declaration of Forgiveness: It is for freedom that Christ delivers us from the guilt and penalty of our sin. Let us walk in the truth of our infinite worth, for we are eternally loved by the God of the universe!

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen!**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

\*Gloria Patri #581

Anthem "My Savior" Choir

## We Listen for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Exodus 2:1-10 Elder Vogel

Scripture Reading Luke 1:46-56 Doug Marshall

Message "Mary's Song of Hope" Doug Marshall

\*Hymn of Reflection "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout" #100

## We Respond to the Word

\* Affirmation of Faith:

**We believe in God who loves us and wants us to love each other, and who created us out of nothing but desire. This is our God.**

**We believe in Jesus who cared about children and held them in his arms. We believe in Jesus who called those on the edges into his healing presence. We believe He wanted a world where everyone could live together in peace and that he died for that hope, and for us. This is Jesus Christ.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who keeps working with us until everything is good and true. We believe in a Spirit who prompts us to see others with new eyes and to open our hearts with generosity and compassion. We believe in a Spirit of God who never leaves us alone. This is the Holy Spirit.**

**We believe that we are the Church which reminds the people of God about who and whose they are, because we love each other. This we believe. Amen.**

Prayers of the People: The Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors) Elder Vogel

Offertory "America the Beautiful" Dr. Gilbreath

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer

### **We Go Forth to Minister**

\*Hymn of Sending "May the God of Hope Go With Us" (2X) #765  
\*Blessing and Sending Doug Marshall  
Postlude "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!" Dr. Jeff Gilbreath

\*All that are able are invited to stand.

***Bold italic type indicates our shared response.***

### **To Our Visitors & Guests:**

Welcome! It is a blessing to have you in worship with us today. We warmly invite your participation in the worship, fellowship, and ministry of this congregation where everyone is welcome as God's child. The pastor is available to answer any questions you might have after worship or by email or phone. There is a place for you here, and we are delighted to have you with us today.

### **From Pastor Rosemary: Stewardship Prayer**

Lord, thank you, for every moment you give is a moment of grace.  
Lord, thank you, for every hour you provide is an offering of love.  
Lord, thank you, for every day that you create is a gift of life.  
May we remember these gifts are meant to be shared, for our lives no longer belong to us.  
They belong to you and to all who need us desperately. --Elie Wiesel

**Pledge cards will be collected during worship on Nov. 17.**

**The study of Philippians will conclude on Wed, Nov. 13. Please read to the end of the book.**



***“Growing in Faith; Sharing the Good News;  
Living in God’s Love.”***

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**Scripture Reading Greg Vogel: Exodus 2:1-10**

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

**Scripture Reading Doug Marshall: Luke 1:46-56**

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.