

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MORNING WORSHIP

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2020

Half past Ten O'Clock

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND NOTICES

INTROIT

"Keep Your Lamps"

arr. André Thomas

Women's Ensemble: DiAnne Cordell, soprano; Joe Anne Cole, soprano;
Suzanne Newsom, soprano; Julie Harris, mezzo-soprano; Tia Wilson, mezzo-soprano

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 90

Leader: Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

People: Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

Leader: A thousand years in Your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

People: Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Leader: Satisfy us in the morning with Your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

**People: May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for—
yes, establish the work of our hands.**

OPENING HYMN

"Sleepers Wake! A Voice Astounds Us"
Women's Ensemble

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without. We long for harmony in our families and communities, and for serenity in the midst of struggle. We long for the day when our homes will be a dwelling place of Your love. Yet we confess that often we are anxious. We do not trust each other, and we look the other way from injustice and violence. We stay silent when we should speak up. We often are not willing to take the risks and make the sacrifices that Your love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Pour out Your mercy upon us. Rule in our lives and in the world; show us how to walk in Your paths. And give us the courage to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with You. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in Him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR WYATT FLYNN SHARPE

Erin Mills, Assisting Elder

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and to the Congregation

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

Prayer and the Act of Baptism

Greeting a Child of God

Leader: Wyatt Flynn Sharpe is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Wyatt to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Grant and Alyssa as they nurture Wyatt and assist him to be a faithful disciple.

People: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Wyatt into Christ's Church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of God's love with you, and to celebrate with you God's unfolding blessings.**

*SUNG RESPONSE

"Jesus Love Me!"

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong. They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

**Jesus loves me! This I know, as He loved so long ago,
taking children on His knee, saying "Let them come to me."**

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 25:1-13

SERMON

"Foolish and Wise Bridesmaids"

Lisa McLennan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

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ANTHEM

"Walk in Jerusalem"
Women's Ensemble

arr. Rollo Dilworth

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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 (Unison)

Colossians 3:12-14

God of wonder, we offer You these humble gifts, signs of Your goodness and mercy. As we offer You these gifts, we ask for the wisdom to fill our lamps with the oil that enables us to go out and be the light of the world. As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe us with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. To bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, to forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven us. Above all, clothe us with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Use us and these offerings to enable others to know Your near and good presence in Christ Jesus. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

For those worshipping in the Sanctuary, please be seated after the Benediction until after the Postlude ends. Then, take caution to maintain social distance as you exit the Narthex.

*Those who are able please stand.