

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MORNING WORSHIP
Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2020

Half past Ten O'Clock

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND NOTICES

INTROIT

Lasst uns erfreuen
Selwyn Handbells

arr. Gary R. Smoke

Lee Bobbitt, Nancy Bobbitt, Dick Metzler, Beth Ramsey, and Joy Vickers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

People: In His hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are His also.

Leader: The sea is His, for He made it,
and the dry land, which His hands have formed.

People: O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Leader: For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture,
and the sheep of His hand.
O that today you would listen to His voice!

OPENING HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"
Ivey Cherry, baritone

HERE I AM, LORD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Rev. Beth Merrill Neel

Holy God, we open our hearts to You this day, and offer the truth of our lives:
The fear that stifles us,
The prejudice that blinds us,
The ignorance that hobbles us,
The doubt that plagues us.
Help us, we pray, that we will
Find courage in unlikely place,
See the world with new and gracious eyes,
Move to those places where love is needed,
Have faith that You are with us.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the Lord while He may be found,
call upon Him while He is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that He may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

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

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR EVELYN NICOLE GUFFEY

Bailey King, 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: Evelyn Nicole Guffey is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Evelyn to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Josh and Brittany as they nurture Evelyn and assist her to be a faithful disciple.

People: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Evelyn 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 25:31-46

SERMON

"God is near right now"

Margo Richardson

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

704-734-9818

ANTHEM

Glorious Dawn
Selwyn Handbells

Jason W. Krug

*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

Almighty God,
giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to give to You all that we have and all that we are,
that we may praise You not with our words only,
but with our whole lives. 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.