

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, September 30, 2018

*Welcome in the name of the living God, in the name of the beloved Son
Jesus Christ, and in the name of the Spirit who gives us life.
If you are a visitor, you are invited to sign our guest book.*

(** indicates standing, as you are able)

THE APPROACH

Organ Prelude

Entry of Choir and Minister

Welcome and Announcements

**Introit

****Please rise as the Bible enters the sanctuary**

Where two or three are gathered in my name

I am there, I am there.

(1x unison, 2x as a round, women starting)

**Call to Worship

One: Welcome in the name of the Lord.

People: Thank you. We are glad to be here.

One: Open your hearts today to hear God's word for you.

People: We open our spirits to receive God's healing love.

One: Remember that God has called you to service.

People: Lord, help us to be ready to serve you in all that we do.

Amen

Prayer of Adoration (**unison**): **Lord of joy and mercy, be with us this day as we seek your voice and your guidance. Remove the obstacles that block our commitment and help us to truly be your disciples; for we ask this in Christ's name. Amen**

**HYMN #799 God is here! As we your people meet

Prayer of Confession (unison): **Patient Lord, we know that you call us to service, but we often feel inadequate. We love to make excuses for not doing something or for doing something only half-heartedly. Remind us again of your loving and guiding presence. Forgive us when we stumble and falter. Turn us again to you, serving joyfully and confidently. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen**

Words of Assurance

**Passing of the Peace: When we are rescued from danger and trouble, we know the peace of Jesus Christ. When we are welcomed into the family of God, we know the peace of Jesus Christ. As those who are rescued and welcomed, let us greet one another with signs of the peace of Christ.

One person: The peace of Christ be with you.

Other person: **And also with you!**

*Hymn #762 **When the poor ones** (*children come forward during singing of last verse*)

Children's time (children go to class following story)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Responsive Psalm: Psalm 124

If the LORD had not been on our side— let Israel say—

² ***if the LORD had not been on our side when people attacked us,***

³ they would have swallowed us alive when their anger flared against us;

⁴ ***the flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us,***

⁵ the raging waters would have swept us away.

⁶ ***Praise be to the LORD, who has not let us be torn by their teeth.***

⁷ We have escaped like a bird from the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped.

⁸ Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Old Testament: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 20-22 pg. 374

The Gospel: Mark 9: 38-50 pg. 772

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

Anthem Come, Come Unto Me *Ken Dosso*

Sermon **YOU ARE HERE**

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Pastoral prayer and the Lord's Prayer Hear us now as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us: *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Hymn **#759 In loving partnership

The Offering

Offertory **#425 We praise you, O God (vs. 1)

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

**Prayer of dedication

**Hymn We shall go out with hope of resurrection

1 We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;

we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.

2 We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.

****Commissioning and Benediction**

****Sending Forth #766** Amen, amen, amen, amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

An open note to congregation from Session: we acknowledge your concern about the difficulty we are having with the sound system; we assure you we are continuing to try and find solutions to improve the quality of sound and thank you for your feedback and patience!

Oct. 21 – No service here, as we join St. Andrew’s for their 199th Anniversary Service. They will come here for our Anniversary Service in April. You can still use your envelopes and they will be returned here.

Oct. 23 – St. David’s Presbyterian Church in Toney River from 9:30am – 11:30 am. Something Special for Women with speakers, a soloist, a craft, fellowship and refreshments. Poster on bulletin board.

You are the only Bible some unbelievers will ever read.

John MacArthur 



Mission Statement: *But he’s already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It’s quite simple. Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don’t take yourself too seriously – take God seriously. Micah 6: 8-The Message*