

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Please stand as you are able.

January 20, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

(We invite you to take this time to prepare your hearts for worship.)

PRELUDE

Siciliano and Menuet

J.S. Bach
Jeannie Lee, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others.)

Rev. Jan Butin

RINGING OF THE BELL AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Owen Carter

INTROIT

*Protect Me, God: I Trust in You
Protect me, God: I trust in you. I tell you now,
"You are my Lord; on you my happiness depends."*

C. Stover
Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Search me O God, and know my heart.

Test me, and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me,

and lead me in the everlasting way.

Owen McClintock

*HYMN 29

O God, You Search Me

Glory to God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

our sins are too heavy to carry,

too real to hide,

and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name,

what our hearts can no longer bear,

and what has become for us

a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;

open to us a future in which we can be changed;

and grant us grace

to grow more and more in your likeness and image;

through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. (silent confession) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel; **in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

*RESPONSE 698

Take, O Take Me As I Am (sing three times)

Glory to God

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;

set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S SONG

This is Where Children Belong

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song; This is where children belong.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM

My Lord, You Have Examined Me

Text by M. Leckebusch

*My Lord, you have examined me, you know me through and through;
you see my deeds, perceive my thoughts, my speech, my motives too.*

*You wrap me round on every side; on me you place your hand:
such knowledge is too wonderful for me to understand.*

*The presence of your Spirit will be with me to the last;
wherever I decide to go your love will hold me fast.*

*If I should try to run from you I know without a doubt no darkness
could conceal my path - your light would shine me out.*

*You made me in my mother's womb, so intricate your ways,
and even then, before my birth, you numbered all my days.*

*Before I sleep and as I wake I know that you are there:
how could I ever sound the depths of your unfailing care?*

*And yet I find my soul perturbed by bitterness and grief,
for many choose to treat your word with scornful unbelief -
So search me, Lord, and cleanse my heart from all that you abhor,
then teach me how to walk with you today and evermore.*

SCRIPTURE READING (*Psalms 139*)

¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

³ You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

⁷ Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"

¹² even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.

¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.

¹⁹ O that you would kill the wicked, O God,
and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—

²⁰ those who speak of you maliciously,
and lift themselves up against you for evil!

²¹ Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?

²² I hate them with perfect hatred;
I count them my enemies.

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.

²⁴ See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

SERMON

How Do I Look?

Rev. Phil Butin

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(adapted from Calvin's 1559 Institutes, I.1.1-2)*

Leader: All the genuine wisdom we possess consists of two parts: the knowledge of God and the knowledge of ourselves. But, even though these two are inseparable, it's not easy to discern which one precedes and brings forth the other.

Women: **In the first place, we can't look upon ourselves without immediately turning our thoughts to the contemplation of God, in whom we "live and move." It's obvious that the wonderful gifts we've been given are hardly from ourselves; our very existence is completely grounded in the one God. Even the ways we fall short prompt us to contemplate the good things of God. The more serious we are about being closer to God, the less pleased we'll be with ourselves. Who wouldn't stay the way they are—content with our gifts and ignoring our own faults, as long as we don't see ourselves the way God sees us? Genuine knowledge of ourselves not only stirs up the desire to seek God, but also leads us by the hand to find him.**

Men: **On the other hand, it's certain that we never achieve a clear knowledge of ourselves unless we've first looked on God's face, and then descended from contemplating God to scrutinize ourselves. We always seem righteous and upright and wise and holy to ourselves. This pride is innate in all of us, unless we have some undeniable proof that we fall short of God's purpose for us. And if we look only to ourselves and not also to the Lord—the only standard for evaluating our lives—we'll never see how much we need God. We're never touched enough to recognize the depth of our need until we've compared ourselves with God's majesty.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Generosity Cards are available in the pews for offering our thanks, time, talents, and treasures.)

OFFERTORY

As a Chalice Cast of Gold

arr. Lee

*RESPONSE 2162

Grace Alone

Sing the Faith

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith, every difference we will make is only by his grace.
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine, every blessing left behind is only by his grace.
Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide,
Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right....
(Hymn 559) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

You are holy....
Great is the mystery of faith:
(Hymn 560) **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit....
(Hymn 561) **Amen, amen, amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD AND SHARING THE CUP

(Gluten-free elements are available at the center station closest to the pulpit.)

COMMUNION HYMN 428

Before I Take the Body of My Lord

Glory to God

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God, in your grace ... **You hear our prayers.**
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.

SENDING

*HYMN 429

As a Chalice Cast of Gold

Glory to God

*BENEDICTION

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

(As we leave, we are called to be God's light in the world.)

RESPONSE

Protect Me God: I Trust in You
*Not death, but life, shall be my path; abundant joy your presence grants
an honored place, and happiness. Protect me, God: I trust in you.*

C. Strover

POSTLUDE

Andante

J.L. Krebs