



Sunset Hills United Presbyterian Church

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10:15 am WORSHIP
November 10, 2024
25th Sunday after Pentecost

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Trying to do the Lord's work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you.

- Corrie ten Boom, Author and Activist (1892-1983)

When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

- Psalm 104:30

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Preparation

Campanile Bells: *Prayer for Peace*

arr. M. Helman

*Call to Worship (from the Salt Project)

Liturgist: Linda DeBor

Leader: O God, how manifold are your works!

People: In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Leader: The world is bright and beautiful, and yet it is also full of shadows.

People: We will not live in fear, but in courage, for God is our shepherd.

Leader: Together we can care for each other, loving our neighbors so that all might thrive.

People: Together we can make a difference for all God's creatures, great and small.

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn: Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1. E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
2. O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic
3. O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the
4. O Trin - i - ty of love and power, thy chil - dren shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
runs a - main by moun - tain pass or val - ley low; wher -
firm - a - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by thy might save
dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
ev - er, Lord, thy chil - dren go, pro - tect them by thy
all who dare the ea - gle's flight, and keep them by thy
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
guard - ing hand from ev - ery per - il on the land.
watch - ful care from ev - ery per - il in the air.
rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas, with the first stanza containing four numbered lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

*Call to Confession (based on Acts 27)

Leader: Paul calls on us to listen to the word of the Lord and honor our God's direction. Let us prepare to hear today's Scripture by praying together the prayer of confession.

*Unison Prayer of Confession (based on Mark 12)

God of the wind and the waves, we fail to give you our best. You answer our prayers, even though we pray with a prideful spirit. You continue to bless us, even as we ignore those in need. Forgive us, we pray, when we fail to have courage and fail to listen to you. Turn us toward you for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

*Assurance of Pardon (based on Hebrews 9:27-28)

Leader: Christ, who is our high priest, gave himself in love for all of us and all the world. Therefore, be reconciled to God, and do all things for the glory of God in whom you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Response: *Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

*The Passing of the Peace, American Sign Language

Speaker: Peace be with you.

Respond: And also with you.

Campanile Bells: *I've Got Peace Like a River*

arr. T. Waldrip

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Hymn: *Jesus Loves Me!*

No. 304

Children's Story Time

Psalm Reading: Psalm 104

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

O LORD my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty,

² wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent;

³ you set the beams of your chambers on the waters;

you make the clouds your chariot;

you ride on the wings of the wind;

Psalm Reading: Psalm 104

- ⁴ you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers.
- ⁵ You set the earth on its foundations,
so that it shall never be shaken.
- ⁶ You cover it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.
- ⁷ At your rebuke they flee;
at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.
- ⁸ They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys,
to the place that you appointed for them.
- ⁹ You set a boundary that they may not pass,
so that they might not again cover the earth.
- ¹⁰ You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills,
- ¹¹ giving drink to every wild animal;
the wild asses quench their thirst.
- ¹² By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;
they sing among the branches.
- ¹³ From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.
- ¹⁴ You cause the grass to grow for the cattle
and plants for people to cultivate,
to bring forth food from the earth
- ¹⁵ and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine
and bread to strengthen the human heart.
- ¹⁶ The trees of the field are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
- ¹⁷ In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has its home in the fir trees.
- ¹⁸ The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the coney.
- ¹⁹ You have made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting.
- ²⁰ You make darkness, and it is night,
when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.

Psalm Reading: Psalm 104

²¹ The young lions roar for their prey,
seeking their food from God.

²² When the sun rises, they withdraw
and lie down in their dens.

²³ People go out to their work
and to their labor until the evening.

²⁴ O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵ There is the sea, great and wide;
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.

²⁶ There go the ships
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

²⁷ These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;
²⁸ when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.

³⁰ When you send forth your spirit they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works—

³² who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

³³ I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.

³⁵ Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Praise the LORD!

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Laura Strauss

Every heart without a home,
Every widow left alone,
Every soul that is distressed, there is rest.
Every prayer that has no voice
Or the freedom to rejoice,
From the darkness be released; there is peace.

There is peace, there is rest,
There is hope for the broken, There is help for the weak.
There is peace, there is rest,
And the arms of God will hold you all the way.

Every sinner who's confessed,
But in guilt is still oppressed
By the sin that's been erased, there is grace.
When the father's walked away,
And the mother's left to pray,
When the child has been disowned, welcome home.

Welcome home, welcome home.
Your sins have been forgiven, your stains washed away.
Welcome home, welcome home
And the arms of God will lead you all the way.

Welcome home. You'll be led all the way.

Every soldier tired from war
Who's been shaken to the core
Rise on strength that's not your own, and come on home.

Come on home, come on home,
And the arms of God will guide you all the way.

Every heart without a home, every widow left alone,
Rise on strength that's not your own, and welcome home.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

60 Seconds for Stewardship

Joys, Concerns, & Testimonies

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Presenting Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

*Response: *Doxology*

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.

DEPARTING TO SERVE

Hymn: *When Will People Cease Their Fighting*
(Tune: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*)

No. 401

*Benediction: *May the Peace of the Lord Christ Go with You*

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you where e-ver he may send you. May he
guide you through the wil-der-ness pro-ject you through the storm. May he
bring you home re-joicing at the won-ders he has shown you. May he
bring you home re-joicing once a-gain in-to our doors. *A - - men.*

Chords: D, G, A, D, G, A, D7, Em, D, Bm, G, A, D

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*Postlude

**If you are able to do so, please stand.*

Happy Birthday to Don Tang (3rd) & Jessica Brumfield (8th)!

The Chancel Flowers were given today by The Abbott family in memory of Rita Abbott and Jan Paulsen in memory of her sister Diane Boyle.

Deacon Greeter(s)/Flower Deliveries Made By: Leslie Ney & Amy Riley

Most Needed Items for SHIM: Dried Beans, Lentils, Pasta Sauce in jars, Cereal & Oatmeal, Soup, Condiments, Spices, Adult Diapers, Baby Diapers (size 4-6), Dog & Cat Food, and Personal Care Items.

SHIM Clothing Closet: Accepting donations of clothes (in season), shoes, and linens (no large household items). Located at the Church of Nazarene (5601 Library Road). Drop-off hours: Monday – 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. *If you are not able to deliver your donations during their hours, you can leave them in the closet outside of Findley Hall and a Mission Commission member will deliver them for you.*

Hospital visits by Pastor Laura can be scheduled through the church office. If you or someone you know is having surgery or is in the hospital, please let us know so that Pastor Laura can be there to visit and pray with you and your loved ones.

Scheduling a Meeting with Pastor Laura: if you would like to meet with Pastor Laura to discuss a matter that is **not** a medical or pastoral care emergency, please reach out to her. You can contact her via email at revlaurastrauss@gmail.com or by calling the church office at (412)561-6261 to schedule a meeting. Dropping in to say “hi” is always appreciated, but scheduling a meeting ensures that Pastor Laura can dedicate the necessary time to your discussion if needed.

PRAYER LIST

Prayer Circle – Karl Hetrick and Jack & Kristina Hnath

November -

October - Allison Greenfield, The victims of Hurricane Helene, The family of Rev. Bob Meyer (Christa Tang’s father), The family of Bob O’Gara (friend of the Robinsons and Greenfields), The family of Craig Skelley

Ongoing - Nancy Brumfield, Eneless Frank, Mya Kelly, Joanna, Becca, our Mission Co-Workers: Rev. Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Escobar and their children; Cindy Anna Flor & Nathan who serve at the U.S.-Mexico Border, our sister church, Litchenza CCAP in Malawi, Africa, Pabatso Makhalanyane, Healthcare and all Essential Workers, all those who continue to be affected by the fires, storms, hurricanes, excessive heat waves and other natural disasters, Ben McCoy



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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun, Nov 10

9:00 am Adult Sunday School – Findley Hall
 9:00 am Children’s Sunday School - Library
 10:15 am Worship – Sanctuary
 10:45 am Children’s Church
 2:00 pm Scotland Pilgrimage Mtg. - Library
 4:00 pm Troop #57074 – Crystal Hall
 5:00 pm AA Meeting – Findley Hall

Mon, Nov 11

1:00 pm Monday Bible Study – Cort Room

Tues, Nov 12

12:30 pm Tues. Afternoon Bible Study – Cort Rm.
 5:30 pm Yoga – Crystal Hall
 6:30 pm Campanile Bells – Choir Room
 7:00 pm Square Dance Class – Crystal Hall
 7:00 pm Counseling Group – Cort Room
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Wed, Nov 13

10:00 am Days for Girls – Wilson Hall
 4:00 pm Quilters – Findley Hall
 6:30 pm Tai Chi – Crystal Hall

Fri, Nov 15

5:00 pm AA Meeting – Findley Hall

Sun, Nov 17

9:00 am Adult Sunday School – Findley Hall
 9:00 am Children’s Sunday School - Library
 10:15 am Worship – Sanctuary
 10:45 am Children’s Church
 4:00 pm Troop #57074 – Crystal Hall
 5:00 pm AA Meeting – Findley Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Thanksgiving Dinner:** You should have received an invitation for a Thanksgiving Dinner at SHUP. Everyone is welcome. The main dish will be provided, just bring a side or dessert to share. The dinner will be held on Sunday, November 24th at 5 pm in Findley Hall. To RSVP, please email Karin at sunsethillschurch@gmail.com.
- ❖ **Hanging of the Greens:** Everyone is invited to help the Deacons decorate SHUP for the upcoming Advent Season. They will be decorating after the worship service on November 24th.
- ❖ **Cookie Sale Volunteers Needed:** Calling all bakers! The Deacons need your help for their annual cookie sale fundraiser. If you would like to make some cookies to donate, please sign up on the form outside of Findley Hall. Your donations can be dropped off in the kitchen on Friday, December 6th from 9 am – 3 pm & 6-8 pm or Saturday, December 7th from 8 – 9:30 am.
- ❖ **Cookie Sale:** The Deacons will hold their annual cookie sale on Saturday, December 7th from 10 am until noon.
- ❖ **Stocking Mission:** During the Advent Season, the Mission Commission will have stockings hanging from the pews. They ask that you help them fill these stockings with small, travel-sized toiletry items (deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.) All donations will then be taken to Familylinks. Familylinks is an organization in the South Hills that services youth, adults, and seniors. Their mission is to positively impact lives through integrated community, behavioral, and social programs.
- ❖ **Parents’ Night Out:** On Saturday, December 14th, the CE Commission will hold “Parents’ Night Out” in Findley Hall from 5 – 8 pm. There will be food, crafts, games, visits with Santa and more. There is no cost for the event, but donations will be accepted. To register, visit our website at shupchurch.org or pick up a form from the table outside of Findley Hall.
- ❖ **2025 Per Capita:** Our 2025 Per Capita has been assessed at \$38.11. Please consider making a separate donation to cover the cost of each church member in your family. Thank you.