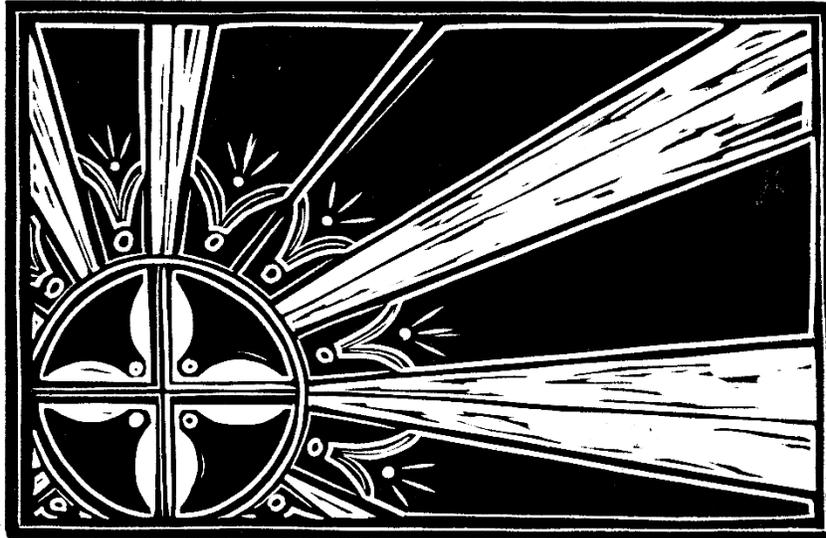


John Knox Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

November 20, 2022



GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Those who are able, please stand*

CHORAL PRELUDE

arr. Charles Boyd Tompkins

Concertato on "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

***INTROIT: HYMN 267** *Come, Christians Join to Sing, v. 1*

MADRID

***Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!***

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Revelation 1:4-6,8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,
**From Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.**

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,
**Who made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father,
to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.**

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,
Who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

***HYMN 268**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Joan S. Gray (PC class of 1973)

Saving God, your love is unconditional and unbreakable. We belong to you, and so we come before you in prayer, exactly as we are—our real selves—to repent of our sin. We confess our fearful lack of trust, our unwillingness to yield, and our selfish disposition. Our days are filled with idols that compete for our time and attention. We thrash around in complaint and impatience. We cannot rescue ourselves from the tentacles of sin that wrap around our hearts. Yet we know that nothing can change your faithfulness to us. Our sin does not erase our relationship with you. Jesus died on the cross so that sin would not have the last word between us. In your mercy, save us, redeem us, heal us, and transform us. Send your Spirit to unbind us and set us free. Amen.

Silent Confession

***LORD, HAVE MERCY**

***Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.***

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Colossians 1:13

Hear the good news!
God has rescued us from the power of darkness
and transferred us into the kingdom of God's beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**We trust the good news of God's saving love:
In Jesus Christ we are freed and forgiven!**

***RESPONDING IN PRAISE**

Sing twice

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

LIFE AND WORK AT JOHN KNOX

Minute for Mission: The Presbyterian Promise

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

At this time, K3s, K4s and K5s are invited to join Children's Church on the Nursery Hall for a time of learning and fun. Parents, please pick up your children there after the worship service.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

William Plumer Jacobs, 1842-1917

Gracious God, you know the doubts that overwhelm us and the anxieties that distress us. We long for your word to give us light. Lead our minds and hearts into a peaceful and trustful rest in your presence. As you have led us through fear and darkness, so now bring us out into the light that we may dwell with you and abide in you. Hear our prayers for our Savior's sake. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 16:16-34
Pew Bible p. 900-901

The grass withers, the flower fades,
The Word of our God will stand forever.

SERMON

"Turning the World Upside Down"

Buz Wilcoxon

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *What Presbyterians Believe* by Joseph M. Gettys (1907-2016)

We believe in the sovereign God, the creator and preserver of the universe, who is revealed in scripture as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We believe in the covenant of grace, fulfilled in Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. He is the mediator who is revealed in the preaching and teaching of the word, and in the faithful administration of the sacraments.

To declare our faith in God is therefore to commit ourselves to discover, to do, and to keep on doing the will of God day by day. To say we believe in God and then to live as though God were neither sovereign nor important is to make a hollow mockery of our faith. We know that all things will be done for the glory of God. In this confidence, let us find peace and rest for our souls, and let us live expectantly as we await the end of our days or the coming of our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Nun danket alle Gott, BWV 657* J.S. Bach

*Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* CORONATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN 643 NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Now Thank We All Our God, v. 1

***Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.***

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* June Nixon

Worship Notes

We are glad to celebrate in today's worship our connection with Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC.

Preaching

We welcome to our pulpit today the **Rev. Dr. Buz Wilcoxon**, Marianne & E.G. Lassiter Chaplain & Dean of Spiritual Life at Presbyterian College. Buz grew up in Fairhope, AL. He attended Presbyterian College (BA) and Columbia Theological Seminary (MDiv & DMin). Over the past 14 years he served churches in Greenville, SC and Mobile, AL. This July he began serving as the inaugural Marianne & E.G. Lassiter Chaplain & Dean of Spiritual Life at Presbyterian College. Buz serves on the board of trustees for Columbia Theological Seminary and has written a number of hymns that have been published in Presbyterian resources. He and his wife, Ryann, are the proud parents of two children: Lohi (12) and Wilson (10).

Music

Joining with our John Knox Chancel Choir are members of the PC Choir, under their director (and ours!) Luke Browder. The combined choir will be singing a Hymn Concertato arranged by our organist, Dr. Charles Tompkins.

Liturgy

Different elements of our liturgy today come from the tradition of church leadership offered by Presbyterian College alumni/ae:

Prayer of Confession:

Joan S. Gray was the first woman ordained by Atlanta Presbytery (PCUS) in 1978. She has served as pastor of many churches in Atlanta, GA, taught at Columbia Theological Seminary, and was elected Moderator of the 217th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 2006. She has published books on church leadership, including the one from which this prayer is adapted, *Sailboat Church: Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission and Practice.*)

Prayer for Illumination:

William Plumer Jacobs was pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Clinton, SC. He founded Thornwell Orphanage for children who lost their parents in the Civil War and then founded Presbyterian College to provide a college education for those children.)

Affirmation of Faith:

Joseph M. Gettys was a Presbyterian minister who served as professor of religion and academic dean at Presbyterian College from 1956-1974. He was the interim pastor of 37 churches and the founding pastor of two churches. He was the author of numerous Bible studies and books about the Presbyterian Church, including a summary of the Westminster Standards, from which this affirmation of faith is drawn.

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The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Vern Skumautz, by his wife, Barbara, and family.

Worship Team

Mark Britt
Parker Johnson
Scott Reichen
Gordon Turnbull

Luke Browder
Bobby Mock
Erin Rigot

Susan Felton
Kyle Parker
Caroline Robertson

David Howell
Carol Phillips
Charles Tompkins

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