

REID MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

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SOUNDING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Please sign and pass the friendship pad to your neighbor.

PRELUDE

Dove of Peace

David Cherwien
(b. 1957)

INTROIT

God Welcomes All

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits—

For the Lord forgives all our iniquity, and restores us to a place of hope,

The Lord crowns us with steadfast love and mercy,

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in grace.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who revere him.

Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN 363

Rejoice, the Lord is King

DARWALL'S 148TH

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Boyd Lien

Holy Lord, our scripture is full of admonitions to show grace, to turn the other cheek, to forgive not seven, but seventy-seven times. Yet we stand before one another with stones in our hands ready to throw them in judgement until you speak into our self-righteousness and say, let the one without sin be the first to throw the stone. One by one we drop our stones, knowing we have no defense for ourselves in our selfishness, our pride, our desire to judge. We stand guilty and vulnerable before you, Lord, and you say, you are forgiven, go, and sin no more.

*SILENT PRAYER

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

We are assured that *as far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who revere him.*

Thanks be to God, in Christ, who has compassion for us. In him, we receive forgiveness and love eternal. Amen!

*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.***

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND LABORS

Dr. Casto-Waters

OFFERTORY

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Robert A. Hobby
(b. 1962)

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / DIMES FOR DINNERS

Miss Rebekah Mayfield

*HYMN 814

In God Alone

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Ellsworth-Moran

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 14:1-12

SERMON

ANTHEM

Eternal Life

Olive Dungan
(1904—1997)

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy Peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek.
To be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love;*

*For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pard'ning that we are pardoned;
There is no dying, we walk in light!
To Eternal Life!*

Amen!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Lien

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dr. Casto-Waters

We believe God is our creator and has promised to love us always. We believe Jesus Christ, fully God and fully human, is God's promise living among us. He experienced all the pain and joy and challenges of human life. God's forgiving love was revealed to us when Jesus suffered death on the cross. He came back to new life, and has promised us new life in unity with God. We believe the Holy Spirit is God's promise touching our spirits, guiding us—even through the darkest and most difficult moments of our lives. We believe God is among us in community. Mysterious, yet very real, God promises to be with us always, even to the end of the ages. Amen.

*HYMN 807

When We Must Bear Persistent Pain

PROSPECT

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

You Belong to Christ

POSTLUDE

DARWELL'S 148TH

Healey Willan
(1880—1968)

*All who are able please stand

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¹ Based on Psalm 103:1-13

² From "A Banquet of Praise"

Participating in Worship



Preacher

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

Worship Leaders

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters
Rev. Boyd Lien
Miss Rebekah Mayfield

Musicians

Mr. S.C. Toe
Dr. Wayne Lord
Chancel Choir

Acolyte

Grove Robbins

Friendship Pad Pick-up

Jennifer Morgan

Ushers

Jim Norvell	Andy Magruder
Richard Hinman	Jim Trotter
Steve Sanders	Kirby Yawn
Benton Johnson	

STAFF

Reverend Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters, **Pastor, ext. 303**
Reverend Nadine Ellsworth-Moran, **Associate Pastor, ext. 301**
Reverend Boyd Lien, **Parish Associate, ext. 314**
Mr. S.C. Toe, **Director of Music, ext. 315**
Dr. Wayne Lord, **Organist/Associate Director of Music, ext. 310**
Mrs. Jenny Davison, **Children's Music Assistant**
Ms. Joy Maple, **Director of Christian Education, ext. 305**
Miss Rebekah Mayfield, **Director of Children and Youth, ext. 304**
Miss Makenzie Landrum, **Nursery Coordinator**
Mrs. Anna Sanders, **Director of Mother's Day Out and Preschool, ext. 309**
Mrs. Dawn McCraith, **Director of Operations, ext. 302**
Mrs. Becky Godbee, **Communications Liaison, ext. 300**
Mrs. Jenn Harrison, **Financial Assistant, ext. 307**
Mr. Leonard Jones, **Facilities Manager**

SESSION (ELDERS)

Denise Rosenzweig, Clerk

Class of 2023

Mandy Boland
Pam Snowdy
Gary Loyd
Shawntel Parker
Paul Rosenzweig
Bennett Yort

Class of 2024

Scott Allen
Julia Kay
Mary Lewis
Scott Monnig
Max Vallotton
Leila Stallworth

Class of 2025

Bill Davison
Jennifer Frantom
David Freeman
Jean McKnight
Amanda Mills
Richard Morgan



ACTIVE STEPHEN LEADERS

Myra Naglich
Mandy Boland
Jones Miller

ACTIVE STEPHEN MINISTERS

Jamie Driver	Indee Few
Becky Godbee	Holly Harbin
Joy Maple	Kathryn McLeod
Barbara Miller	Ann Overstreet
Sonny Reece	Clay Stallworth
Carol Turner	Jenn Wilson

BOARD OF DEACONS

John Franklin, Moderator

Class of 2023

Trex Bolick
Dick Carr
John Franklin
Catharine Lemmon
Nancy McCord
Harriet Monnig
Jenn Wilson
Carl Young

Class of 2024

Lisa Curley
Annette Kennedy
Mary Linda Lamar
George McCall
Bobby McRae
Charlene Sizemore
Ross Tudor
Holly Harper Welsh

Class of 2025

Linda Boyd
Hubert Cooke
Judy Brigham
Jan Markle
Jan Nielsen
Carla Owen
Gail Owens
Harry Snowdy



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