REID MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) May 5, 2024



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Please sign and pass the friendship pad to your neighbor.

PRELUDE

Prelude on Song 13

Healey Willan (1880—1968)

INTROIT

Joyful, Joyful

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord has done marvelous things, and for him we shall compose new songs, we shall sing with strong and clear voices.

Our songs extol the Lord's steadfast love, his faithfulness throughout the ages. For the Lord we make a joyful noise, we break forth with praises.

We will fashion new instruments, trumpets and strings, we will make our prayers rise with melodies of hope and joy.

Even the seas will roar with jubilation, the rivers will clap their hands, the hills will sing as a great choir.

Let us rejoice in the presence of the Lord and worship him in the company of those who love him.

*HYMN (insert)

Help Us Accept Each Other

AURELIA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Rev. Boyd Lien

Lord, you have opened your heavens and widened our hearts in order to share your Son with the world. And your Son has said, "I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father." Why then, Lord, do we struggle to receive the wisdom and holiness of heaven given to us, to be the friend to another that Jesus is to us, to love as we have been loved? We stumble with uncertainty when you have made yourself clear. We hold our brothers and sisters at arms length even though you have named us kindred. Help us, Lord, to abide in love, to be the bearers of your revelation, to nurture holy curiosity, and speak words of friendship in Christ's name.

SILENCE

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

Jesus declared, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you," and through the Word we have received grace upon grace and in him our joy may be complete.

To be called beloved in the Lord is our greatest joy; to be redeemed in Christ is our greatest gift.

*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.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND LABORS

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Offertory

John Ness Beck (1930—1987)

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings; Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions; The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you but to do justly and to love kindness;

And to walk humbly, walk humbly with your God?

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 Ms. Joy Maple

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Dr. Casto-Waters

SCRIPTURE READING John 15:9-17

SERMON

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...But God would never break away from us...

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.

...Still, we struggle and still we are loved and forgiven, again and again...

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

...So let us remember our Lord and make his joy complete...

Amen. Amen. Amen.

...And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Prayer After Communion

In our love for you, Lord, and your love for us, we will go from this place. We pray for strong memories, for words written on our hearts, for the taste of the bread and the wine to remain on our tongues so that we might speak love, embody love, and remember love first and always. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 833 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go ST. MARGARET

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION Danish Amen

POSTLUDE Carillon Toccata Douglas Martin

*All who are able please stand

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¹ Based on Psalm 98

² Based on John 15:9-17

Participating in Worship



Preacher Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Worship Leaders Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran Rev. Boyd Lien Ms. Joy Maple

Musicians

Mr. S.C. Toe Ms. Sarah Pritchard Chancel Choir

Friendship Pad Pick-up Jane Houston

> Acolvte Graeme Slater

> > Ushers

Tennant Houston Elliott Woodward John Robbins Ben Kay, IV Jennifer Pennington Glen Owen

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, Associate Director of Music / Organist, ext. 310 Mrs. Jenny Davison, Children's Music Assistant Ms. Joy Maple, Director of Christian Education, ext. 305 Miss Makenzie Landrum, Nursery Coordinator Miss Makenzie Landrum, Interim Director of Children and Youth Ministries, ext. 304 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 Supervisor Ms. Helen Moss. Custodian

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Leila Stallworth	Richard Morgan	Chervl Wilson

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