

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

O God, you bring justice to the oppressed and give bread to the hungry.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You free the prisoner and restore sight to the blind.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You support the downtrodden and protect the stranger.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You tell us lift up the lowly, but we gladly lift up ourselves.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You stand against injustice. You stand with the wronged.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You tell us not to accept half-truths, but we do.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

God, forgive us when we do not follow you. Give us the courage to speak and act in ways that are faithful and truth-telling.

Grant us your grace.

SILENT PRAYERS

SUNG RESPONSE

No. 572

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news from Galatians 5:1: "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery."

For freedom Christ has set us free.

Free from our guilt, free from mistakes of the past, free from the emotional and spiritual burdens we carry, free from the sin that so easily entangles us.

For freedom Christ has set us free.

Brothers and sisters, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 576

Canon (A) (B) Jacques Berthier, 1979

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY (11:00)

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH (11:00)

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 30

(OT pg. 478)

ANTHEM (11:00)

Jesus, Good Shepherd

Bradley Ellingboe

EPISTLE LESSON

Galatians 6:1-18

(NT pg. 180)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Remember, It's Not About You

Ken Henry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe it is a matter of faith

to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.

I believe it is a matter of faith

to recognize equally and love all members of God's human family

whatever their race, creed, color, gender,

gender identity, marital status, physical or mental capacity.

I believe Jesus Christ came to us to free all people from sin and make disciples.

I believe the Holy Spirit is that power within us that gives us the courage
and stamina to face the truth and to live it, even to die for it, as Jesus did.
I believe in the resurrection, God's victory over death,
and the truth that is life for all in Jesus' name.
Glory be to God, the One in Three: Creator, Savior, and Holy power of love.
Amen.



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Charlottesville, Virginia

*HYMN (11:00) *The Voice of God Is Calling* HS No. 27

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION
CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER (Hymnal, p. 16)

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY
(8:30) *Meditation on a Theme* J. S. Bach
(11:00) *Praise to the Lord* Hugo Distler

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING No. 591
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* No. 540

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Allegro from Concerto No. 1* G. F. Handel

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19, 2017

"When we're connected to others, we become better people."
—Randy Pausch, *The Last Lecture*

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Prelude on Dundee* Stephen Gabrielsen
(My God, How Wonderful Thou Art)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Gal. 4:26-29; 2 Cor. 5:17)
In Christ, we discover our new identity.

In Christ, we are all children of God.

*In Christ, we are neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free,
male nor female.*

In Christ, we are all children of God.

*In Christ, we see and experience God's grace and favor toward all
people. Rejoice! Our God does not show partiality.*

In Christ, we are all children of God.

*If anyone is in Christ, he or she is a new creation. Behold,
everything old has passed away. Everything has become new.*

Let us give thanks for God's inclusive love.

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*HYMN *Fight the Good Fight* No. 307

*Congregation may stand. #Latecomers seated.
Please turn off cell phones during the service.

**SILENT
PRAYER AND
MEDITATION**
*As you have called
us to come to
worship, O God,
so breathe into us
your Spirit, that we
may bear witness to
your gentle
presence and your
powerful love,
for we pray in the
name and for the
sake of Jesus Christ
the Beloved.
Amen.*