

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God,
you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples
creating bold tongues, open ears,
and a new community of faith.
We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.
We do not listen for your word of grace,
speak the good news of your love,
or live as a people made one in Christ.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT PRAYERS

SUNG RESPONSE

HS No. 71

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*By Christ's work, by Christ's love, by Christ in our midst, we are reconciled
and united with God and with one another. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*
Thanks be to God. Amen.

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*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 479

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven,
Glad of heart your carols raise;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the Maker all your days!

*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

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

(NT pg. 160)

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM (11:00)

I Hunger and Thirst

arr. Kevin Siegfried

Dana Patek, soprano

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15-22

(OT pg. 168)

SERMON

As One Without Authority

Ken Henry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the Source of life and birth.

We believe in the Word who came to earth.

We believe in the Spirit, God's Holy Flame.

We believe that God gathers, protects and cares for the church.

**We believe the church is a community of believers,
reconciled with God and with one another.**

**We believe that the sin of division, separation and hatred only serves to harm
and damage our relationships.**

**We believe that through the working of God's Spirit,
unity can become a binding force in the world.**

We believe in God's wisdom.

We believe in the healing power of Christ's love. Amen.

*HYMN (11:00) *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* No. 426

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

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY
(8:30) *St. Columba* C. V. Stanford
(11:00) *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Edward Bairstow

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING HS No. 81
**Praise God, the Source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame:
All glory, honor to God's name.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
**We have been blessed, most generous God, beyond our deserving.
We have been fed in ways we have not acknowledged.
We offer these gifts that we might share your love beyond these walls.
Unite us with one another in your ministry of reconciliation. Amen.**

*HYMN *The Voice of God Is Calling* HS No. 27

[During the hymn, the congregation is invited to respond by bringing forward our Presbytery Hunger Offering for hunger relief work.]

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Praeludium in C Major* Johann Peter Kellner



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Charlottesville, Virginia

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28, 2018

"Prophet means 'spokesperson' not 'fortune-teller.' The one whom in their unfathomable audacity the prophets claimed to speak for was the Lord and Creator of the universe. There is no evidence to suggest that anyone ever asked a prophet home for supper more than once."

—Frederich Buechner

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

*Think of a time when your spirit was refreshed.
Think of a song that moved you to tears, or a prayer that inspired you to act.
Think of laughter shared with friends or the care of your family. Think of a stranger who made you feel welcome or of someone who said, 'I love you.'
Think of the suffering and forgiving love of Jesus. Think of the Maker and give thanks. Amen.*

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Moderato* Robert Schumann

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, and praise God! In the company of God's people, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Great are the works of God, full of glory and majesty.

Our God is gracious and compassionate;

our God is merciful and forgiving;

our God is faithful and trustworthy;

our God is just and good.

So come! Let us worship God together.

Let us raise our voices in praise.

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*HYMN *God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us* No. 261

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