

LITANY OF CONFESSION (Based on a statement issued by Rev. J. Herbert Nelson, PCUSA, Stated Clerk)

*We are mindful of the many issues of justice, peace and compassion we face,
both as citizens of the United States
and members of the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**We confess our despair
over the tragedy unfolding at our borders,
where children are ripped from their parents
and placed in holding cells.**

*What has this nation become?
How have we wandered so far from Jesus' words:
"Let the little children come to me for it is to such as these
that the kingdom of heaven belongs?"*

**We confess our shame.
We confess our sin to the mother
who fled from violence in her country
to save herself and her children,
only to have her children taken from her.
We confess our complicity
in punishing desperate people.**

*In the name of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:
We pray that such practices by our country's leaders would . . .
Stop!*

SILENT PRAYERS

LITANY BASED ON PSALM 80

SUNG RESPONSE

(The cantor will introduce the response; the congregation is invited to join when it is repeated.)

Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

. . . . In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

HS No. 22

**All glory be to God on high, and peace on earth from heaven,
And God's good will unfliningly be to all people given.
We bless, we worship You, we raise
For Your great glory thanks and praise,
O God, the great Creator.**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 17:1-49

(OT pg. 248)

SERMON

Taking Up Five Smooth Stones

Ken Henry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

LITANY FOR RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The church is a family of people with a variety of gifts, united by the Spirit revealed in Jesus of Nazareth. By this Spirit, we are joined in caring, forgiving, helping and loving one another.

Thanks be to God.

The church is the people of God, with a diversity of needs, ideas and visions, inspired by the Spirit burning through the words and deeds of Jesus, as told in Scripture. By this Spirit, we are opened to the world and all people as our sisters and brothers.

Thanks be to God.

The Spirit of Christ restores and redeems creation, bringing order out of chaos, unity in the midst of disunity, life in the midst of death.

Thanks be to God.

Presentation of New Members

Mike and Lynn Moore
Chris Seaman and Allison Lyons

Nadine Roddy, Ruling Elder



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Charlottesville, Virginia

Questions of Faith

Prayer

*HYMN *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* No. 438

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

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY *Little David, Play on Your Harp* arr. Lynn Shaw Bailey

*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

*HYMN *O God of Earth and Space* No. 274

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Curant* Samuel Scheidt

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 24, 2018

*"Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine."
—1 Sam. 17:40*

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Fantasia* J. P. Sweelinck

*CALL TO WORSHIP
*Strength is commanding the wind and sea to obey.
Strength is wielding a slingshot in the face of a raging giant.
Strength is being vulnerable and courageous at the same time.
Strength is standing in solidarity with the powerless.
Strength is saying "no" to evil. Strength is saying "yes" to love.
Strength is not found in human pride or politics.
Strength comes from God. Strength comes from the deep place of faith.
**God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.**
Praise God who redefines the meaning of strength.
Let us worship God.*

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*HYMN *Fight the Good Fight* No. 307

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