

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 12, 2015
Morning Worship | 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

Let us enter the Sanctuary in a spirit of meditation in preparation for worship.

Welcome – Greeting of the People – Announcements

Prelude

“Sonata in G Major, K.13”
Alex Cooke, piano

Domenico Scarlatti

*Congregational Introit

St. Thomas

The mighty God the Lord has spoken and did call
The earth from rising of the sun to where it has its fall.
From Zion’s holy hill, perfection’s high abode
Of matchless beauty, even thence in glory shineth God.
“Together let My saints before Me gathered be;
Those that by sacrifice have made a covenant with Me.”
Then shall the heav’ns declare His righteousness abroad,
Because He only is the judge; Yea, none is judge but God.
- Psalm 50:1-2; 5-6

*Prayer of Invocation and Adoration

*Hymn of Adoration

“Arise, O God, and Shine”

Darwall

Arise, O God, and shine in all thy saving might,
And prosper each design to spread thy glorious light:
Let healing streams of mercy flow, that all the earth thy truth may know.

Bring distant nations near to sing thy glorious praise;
Let ev’ry people hear and learn thy holy ways:
Reign, mighty God, assert thy cause, and govern by thy righteous laws.

Send forth thy glorious pow’r, that Gentiles all may see,
And earth present her store in converts born to thee:
God, our own God, thy church O bless, and fill the world with righteousness.

To God, the only wise, the one immortal King,
Let hallelujahs rise from ev’ry living thing:
Let all that breathe, on ev’ry coast, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Sharing of Family News

Prayer of Intercession

8:00 Rev. Dave O’Connell

9:30 Dr. Todd Smedley

11:00 Rev. Ron Meyer

New Testament Reading

Luke 12:32-37

pages 871-72, pew Bible

***Hymn No. 382**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Slane

Call for the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Passing of Friendship Register

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Zion’s Walls”

arr. Aaron Copland

Ben Wallis, bass/baritone; Fred Markey, piano

Come, fathers and mother, come
Sisters and brothers, come
Join us in singing the praises of Zion.

O fathers, don’t you feel determined
To meet within the walls of Zion.

We’ll shout and go round the walls of Zion.

~ Revivalist song from “Social Harp” by John G. McCurry (1853)

Old Testament Reading

Habakkuk 1:12-2:4

page 785, pew Bible

Sermon

“Questioning God’s Wisdom”
2nd in the series, “Faith Facing Fear”

Dr. Robert M. Norris

Hymn

“God Is Love: His Mercy Brightens”

Abbot’s Leigh

God is Love: His mercy brightens all the path in which we rove;
Bliss He wakes, and woe He lightens: God is Wisdom, God is Love.
Chance and change are busy ever; man decays and ages move;
But His mercy waneth never: God is Wisdom, God is Love.

E’en the hour that darkest seemeth will His changeless goodness prove;
From the mist His brightness streameth: God is Wisdom, God is Love.
He with earthly cares entwineth hope and comfort from above;
Everywhere His glory shineth: God is Wisdom, God is Love.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to Communion

***Declaration of Faith—The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayer of Confession**

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature, our shortcomings, and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your way, in wasting Your gifts, and in forgetting Your love. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, Who are ashamed and sorry for all that displeases You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your own dear Son. Speak afresh to us the Gospel of Your grace, and remind us that if we confess our sins, You are faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In Your Son is our salvation, in Your promises our hope. Take us for Your children and give us the Spirit of Your Son, and in the end receive us into Your glory, through Jesus Christ our only Savior. Amen.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration and the Lord's Prayer

Distribution of the Elements of the Lord's Supper

***Passing of the Peace**

***Communion Response**

“Communion Hymn”

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And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

Benediction

Postlude

“Trumpet Voluntary”

John Stanley

Participating Officers:

8:00 Doug Gilbert

9:30 Chris Thatch

11:00 Mike Looney

Elders are available for prayer or ministry at the front of the Sanctuary at the conclusion of each service.

Sanctuary flowers are a ministry of the Flower Committee.

The morning worship service is broadcast each Sunday at 11:00am locally on WAVA 105.1 FM and worldwide by Internet streaming audio at www.wava.com.

Hearing enhancement units are available for checkout in the Media Center or ask an usher for assistance.



Tonight's Evening Service

6pm in the Upper Room

“Knowing the Power of God”

Ephesians 1:15-23

Rev. Robert Yancey

Vacation Bible School reception immediately following the service.

Stewardship & Finance

GENERAL GIVING

Annual Budget	\$ 4,710,418
Year to Date Budget	\$ 1,994,831
Year to Date Received	\$ 1,819,770
Mortgage Balance	\$ 4,175,644

Grateful Heart Campaign

MATCHING FUNDS ENDING

August 31, 2015
\$500,000

Received to Date	\$262,636
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Next Sunday, July 19

Morning Service

8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

“Living by Faith”

Habakkuk 2:5-20

Dr. Robert M. Norris

Deacon's Offering will be received at all morning services.

Evening Service

6pm in the Sanctuary

“The Great Divide”

Luke 16:19-31

Rev. Ron Meyer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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