

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 19, 2021 | 6:00 p.m.

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 217“ All My Heart This Night Rejoices”

*THE INVOCATION

*THE CONFESSION OF FAITHThe Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he shall come to judge the living 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.*

THE LAW OF GOD.....Romans 13:8-10

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

We have sinned against you, O Lord, our Maker, our Defender, and our Redeemer. Our natures are corrupt and sinful; prone to fall away from you, sluggish to do good and swift to do evil. Vain thoughts have come upon us and found lodging within us, defiling and disquieting our minds, and keeping out good thoughts.

We have burdened ourselves with that care which you have commanded us to cast upon you. We have failed in our duties to one another, and have provoked one another as much to folly and anger as to love and good works. We have been cold in our love to you, weak in our desires toward you, unsteady in our walking with you, and are even at this time poorly prepared to serve you.

We beseech you: forgive us all our sins, for Christ's sake, and be at peace with us in Him Who died to make peace and lives to make intercession for us.

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON.....Psalm 32:5-6

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found.

THE HYMN SING

*THE PSALM OF PREPARATION NO. 554 "From Depths of Woe" (Psalm 130)

THE SCRIPTURE READING.....Romans 4:1-12

THE SERMON "Reckoned"

A. Salvation by Faith (vv. 1-5)

B. Salvation Illustrated (vv. 6-8)

C. Salvation for All (vv. 9-12):

*THE HYMN OF APPROACH NO. 521“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST BY FAITH

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

please hold the elements until all have been served so we may partake together

gluten free bread is available in the cups | white grape juice is available for those who cannot consume any alcohol

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE PSALM OF THANKSGIVING NO. 117“Praise Jehovah, All Ye Nations” (p. 4)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE RESPONSE.....“The Doxology”

Praise God , from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

¹Praise Je - ho - vah, all ye na - tions, all ye peo - ple praise pro - claim;

²for his grace and lov - ing - kind - ness O sing prais - es to his name.

For the great - ness of his mer - cy con - stant praise to him ac - cord;

ev - er - more his truth en - dur - eth; hal - le - lu - jah, praise the Lord!