



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

### Pledge Dedication Sunday

November 19, 2017 at 9 and 11:15 am

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### Word and Sacrament

*Please silence your cellular telephones and other electronic devices.  
We encourage you to begin this time of worship in silent prayer.*

### Prayer of Preparation

Ever-living God, before the earth was formed and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

### PRELUDE

Prelude on 'Beach Spring' (1996)

*John Weaver  
(b. 1937)*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Beverly A. Bartlett**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: I will bless the Lord at all times.

**People: God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

Pastor: Come, magnify the Lord with me.

**People: Let us exalt God's Holy name together.**

Pastor: In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

**People: Let us worship God.**

\*Let all who are able stand.

### \*HYMN 555

Now Thank We All Our God

*Nun danket alle Gott*

### CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

**Andrew D. Smothers**

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you and one another. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love, in failing to love others as we love ourselves. Have mercy upon us in your loving kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

*(Silence for personal confession)*

### LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Service in G*)

*John Weaver*



### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: ... Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

# \*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Weaver

Choir  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Congregation  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we  
wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; You are  
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For  
You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a - lone are the  
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

## \*SUMMARY OF THE LAW

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: Since we have been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ,  
let us be reconciled to one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.

*Please greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you,"  
responding, "And also with you."*

ANTHEM (11:15 am) I Will Sing with the Spirit

John Rutter  
(b. 1945)

I will sing with the spirit: Alleluia. And I will sing with the understanding also:  
Alleluia. (1 Corinthians 14:15)

**T(w)een Choir & Children's Choirs**

**Emily Bartlett, Greta Krueger-Baier & Margaret Macdonald, soloists**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Christina A. Cosby**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Judges 4:1-7

(*nrsv*, page 210 OT)

(Following the final stanza of the psalm, children and young people are invited to come forward, gathering around the Baptismal Font for the Lesson for Young Christians.)

**LESSON FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS &  
DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S & YOUTH WORSHIP**

**Ms. Bartlett**

*Children’s Worship – Children preschool through 3rd grade may exit to the Phillips Lounge.*

*Youth Worship – Young people 4th grade to 8th grade may exit to the Dana Chapel.*

*The Children & Youth return to the Sanctuary at the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.*

**EPISTLE LESSON**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
(*nrsv, page 193 NT*)

**Mr. Smothers (9 am)**  
**Hugo Murray (11:15 am)**

**GRADUAL (11:15 am)**

Your Word Is a Lamp

*Andrew Henderson*

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Give me understanding that I may live.  
*(Psalm 119:105, 107b)*

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 25:14-30  
(*nrsv, page 27 NT*)

**Ms. Bartlett**

**SERMON**

**“Buried Treasure is Not Treasure”**

**Ms. Bartlett**

\***HYMN 415**  
(11:15 am)

Come, Labor On

*Ora Labora*

\***THE NICENE CREED**

**Mr. Smothers**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Mr. Smothers**

*...Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**Ms. Bartlett**

## PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (1998) *French Carol*  
*arr. Fred Gramann (b. 1950)*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly minded,  
for with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture -  
in the body and the blood.  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph,  
cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the Presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
"Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, Lord most high!"

– *Liturgy of St. James (4<sup>th</sup> Century),*  
*trans. Gerard Moultrie (1864)*

### \*DOXOLOGY

*Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures  
here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*(The table of our Lord Jesus Christ is open to all who are baptized. Those who do not wish to take Communion are invited to remain seated in prayer. You are asked to join in the responses as indicated.)*

### INVITATION

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### COMMUNION PRAYER

*"...who forever sing to the glory of your name:"*

### SANCTUS

*Weaver*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are  
full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed is  
He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*(Communion Prayer continues) "... the mystery of faith:"*

ACCLAMATION

Weaver

Christ has died, Christ is ri-sen, Christ will come a - gain.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Weaver

Our Fa-ther in heav-en hal-lowed be Your name, Your king-dom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are Yours now and for ev-er. A - men.

BREAKING BREAD & SHARING THE CUP

Pastor: Gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Let us keep the feast.

DISTRIBUTION

*When the pastors take their serving places, please come forward, using the center aisle, beginning with the front row. The white bread is made from wheat; darker bread in the center is gluten-free rice bread. The bronze chalices contain wine; the glass chalices contain grape juice. Hold out your hands, one open palm placed on the other, and bread will be placed in your hand. For rice bread, please take it yourself, exercising care not to touch other pieces. You may eat the bread and move to the cup of wine to drink or dip your bread before eating, or move to the cup of juice and dip your bread, exercising care not to touch the liquid or cup with your fingers. Those unable to come forward will be served in their pews. If not communing, please remain in your pew in prayer.*

DURING COMMUNION

HYMN 521 (9 am) You Satisfy the Hungry Heart *Finest Wheat*  
(Verses 1-3)

*Please join the choir in singing the refrain when you return to your pew.*

ANTHEM (11:15 am)

Soon I Will be Done *arr. William L. Dawson*  
(1886-1970)

Soon I will be done a-with the troubles of the world, goin’ home to live with God.  
I want to meet my mother, I’m goin’ to live with God.

Soon I will be done a-with the troubles of the world, goin’ home to live with God.  
No more weepin’ and a-wailin’; I’m goin’ to live with God.

Soon I will be done a-with the troubles of the world, goin’ home to live with God.  
I want to meet my Jesus, I’m goin’ to live with God.

*(African-American Spiritual)*

Church Choir, T(w)een & Children’s Choir

CONGREGATIONAL SONG (11:15 am)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!

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