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<u><i>Class of 2024</i></u>	<u><i>Class of 2025</i></u>	<u><i>Class of 2026</i></u>
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



A Holy Communion Service

September 3, 2023

11:00 A.M.



The Rev. Dr. Richard Allen Farmer, Pastor-Teacher

*Lay Leader: John Matthews Worship Leader: Beryl Lindsay
Pianist: Kristi Helfen Drums: Ben Wilkinson
Percussion: Sam Jones*

COMMUNITY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Lay Leader

Leader: Bend your knees, bow your heads-

People: The Lord, great and merciful is here.

Leader: The Lord calls you by name and claims
you as His own.

People: Praise Christ, who reigns as Lord.

OPENING HYMN

Hymn No. 381

Not I, But Christ

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

O Lord God, we confess that we, like sheep, have been led astray. Forgive us, we ask. We want to be separated from that which is evil and wholly consecrated to You. You led Your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us so that following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world, through the pain, sorrow and brokenness of our lives toward the glory of the world to come. It is in Jesus name that we pray. Amen. *

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Lay Leader:

In the guiding power of His indwelling and reigning Spirit help us to affirm our faith.

+ THE APOSTLE'S CREED (*Unison*)

OFFERING OF PRAISE

***Hold to God's Unchanging Hand
Reign, Jesus Reign***

+PASTORAL PRAYER

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

GRATEFUL GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please remember the Samaritan Fund Ministry to non-members in distress in your giving this week. Text and online giving available. See the website for information.

OFFERTORY

Kristi Helfen

Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)

Rice / Tornquist

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

(Children ages 4 & 5 and grades 1st-5th are dismissed to class)

+SCRIPTURE READING

If you are able, please stand for the reading of the Word of God.

Philippians 2:5-8

Reader: *The Word of the Lord*

Response: *Thanks be to God*

SERMON

Pastor Richard Allen Farmer

Series: The "Tude", part 1

"The Importance of Attitude"

MOMENT OF REFLECTION/CALL TO COMMITMENT

COMMUNION HYMN ***One Bread, One Body*** **Praise Team**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Consecration of the Bread and Cup

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn No. 177

Rejoice, the Lord is King

BENEDICTION

People: Amen

POSTLUDE

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Traditional English Melody / Kelsey

WHEN THE GATHERING ENDS, THE SERVICE BEGINS.

GO IN PEACE, TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD.

Hymn= Hymns for the Living Church.

(All music and words approved by CCLI License No. 58738)

+No entry at this time. * Prayer by Beryl Lindsay

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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried*; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the Holy Christian Church**, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

* In the original Creed "He descended into Hell" is inserted here.

** In the original Creed "the Holy catholic Church" is inserted here.

Our Vision

To build committed disciples who love Jesus Christ and live their lives to fulfill God's purposes.

OUR AFFIRMATIONS

Our Common Identity

Leader: Who Are We Crossroads?

All: We're the People of God

Our Common Purpose

Leader: Why Do We Exist As A Church?

All: To love God and worship Him.

To love and care for one another and to share the joys and the struggles of growing as a community seeking to bring glory to His name.

Our Common Mission and Witness

Leader: Why are we here?

All: We are here to joyfully worship and serve the Lord: to share the message of Jesus and the Gospel with all who will hear, through lives that demonstrate His love, mercy and justice in all of our relationships, in our communities, in our nation and in our world.

Leader: Crossroads, how can we be such a community?

All: By deciding to follow Jesus and to make a daily decision to live for God today. By earnestly studying His word and seeking to value what God values and to practice the principles found in His word.

Leader: Crossroads, for the Glory of God, let us live like this.

All: Amen

Our Mission

Our mission is to be a nurturing multicultural fellowship of growing Christians, committed to glorifying God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – through worship, proclaiming Jesus Christ, witness and service in our communities, the nation and the world.

OPENING HYMN

NOT I, BUT CHRIST (to the tune of #529)

Not I, but Christ, be honored, loved, exalted;
Not I, but Christ, be seen, be known, be heard;
Not I, but Christ, in every look and action;
Not I, but Christ, in every thought and word.

Not I, but Christ, to gently soothe in sorrow;
Not I, but Christ, to wipe the falling tear;
Not I, but Christ, to lift the weary burden;
Not I, but Christ, to hush away all fear.

Not I, but Christ, in lowly, silent labor;
Not I, but Christ, in humble, earnest toil;
Christ, only Christ—no show, no ostentation;
Christ, none but Christ, the gath'rer of the spoil.

Christ, only Christ, ere long will fill my vision;
Glory excelling soon, full soon I'll see—
Christ, only Christ, my every wish fulfilling—
Christ, only Christ, my All in all to be.

Ada A. Whiddington

HOLD TO GOD'S UNCHANGING HAND

Time is filled with swift transition,
Naught of earth unmoved can stand,
Build your hopes on things eternal,
Hold to God's unchanging hand.

Refrain:

Hold to God's unchanging hand,
Hold to God's unchanging hand;
Build your hopes on things eternal,
Hold to God's unchanging hand.

Trust in Him who will not leave you,
Whatsoever years may bring,
If by earthly friends forsaken
Still more closely to Him cling.

Refrain

Covet not this world's vain riches
That so rapidly decay,
Seek to gain the heav'nly treasures,
They will never pass away.

Refrain

When your journey is completed,
If to God you have been true,
Fair and bright the home in glory
Your enraptured soul will view.

Refrain

Jennie B. Wilson, pub.1906

Reign Jesus Reign

Reign Jesus reign. Reign Jesus reign
King of Zion, Judah's lion
Reign Jesus reign

(Repeat 2X)

Joe Mettle

COMMUNION HYMN

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord

Gentile or Jew
Servant or free
Woman or man
No more.

Refrain

Many the gifts, many the works
One in the Lord of all.

Refrain

Grain for the fields,
Scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all.

Refrain

John B Foley

CLOSING HYMN

REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING NO. 177

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains
He took His seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and Heav'n,
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the Judge shall come,
And take His servants up
To their eternal home;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Charles Wesley