

Worship  
November 15, 2020  
Ordinary Time 33 A

*Providence*  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Gathering**  
Welcome and Announcements

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**Opening Sentences**

People of God, listen:  
**The Lord has done marvelous things!**  
Clothe yourselves with faith and love;  
**Be confident in your salvation  
in Christ Jesus.**  
The Lord is with us! Let us pray...

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**Gathering Prayer**

**God, our Rock, our refuge,  
our resting place,  
we come to you.  
Out of another week of busyness  
and distraction, out of our struggles**

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to be meaningful in our world,  
 out of our desire to meet you  
 and know you  
 as the center of our being,  
 we come to you,  
 O unmovable Rock  
 of our security.  
 Amen.

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### Call to Confession

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
 Beloved, we are called to live in right relationship  
 with God by loving one another. Please join me in  
 a time of confession for humanity followed by a  
 time of silent, personal confession.

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### Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God,  
 we have erred and strayed from your ways.  
 We have followed too much  
 the desires of our own hearts.  
 We have left undone those things  
 which we ought to have done;  
 and we have done those things

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which we ought not to have done.  
 Set us free from a past  
 that we cannot change;  
 open to us a future  
 in which we can be changed;  
 and grant us grace  
 to grow more and more  
 in your likeness and image.

*Silent, personal confession*

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### Assurance of Pardon

...In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**  
 The Lord said, "I will cleanse them from all the guilt  
 of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt  
 of their sin and rebellion against me." Friends,  
 believe the good news of the gospel...  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

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### Grateful Response

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
 and to the Holy Ghost;  
 as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ever shall be,  
 world without end. Amen, amen.**

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## Passing the Peace

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

**And also with you.**

*Please stand in place greet each other,  
"Peace be with you."  
with an air hug or a namaste bow.*

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## Time With the Younger Church

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## The Word

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## First Scripture Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come

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upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

<sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do,

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but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord

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Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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## Anthem

"On Eagles' Wings"

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### Scripture Lesson: Matthew 25:14-30

<sup>14</sup>For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the

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two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave;

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you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent

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also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.'

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<sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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## Sermon

### *What Have We Been Given?*

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## Affirmation of Faith

### *"The Apostles' Creed"*

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**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;**

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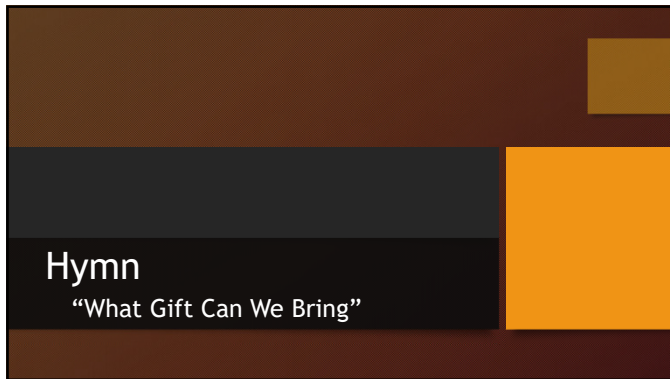
**he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again  
from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come  
to judge the quick and the dead.**

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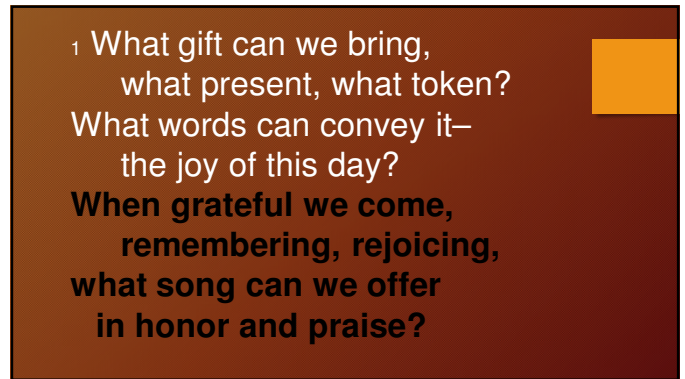
**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

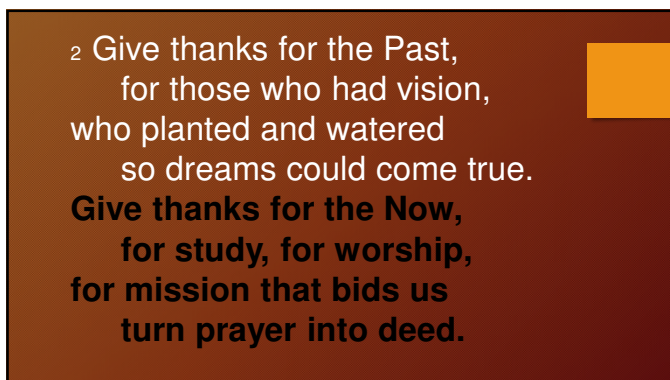
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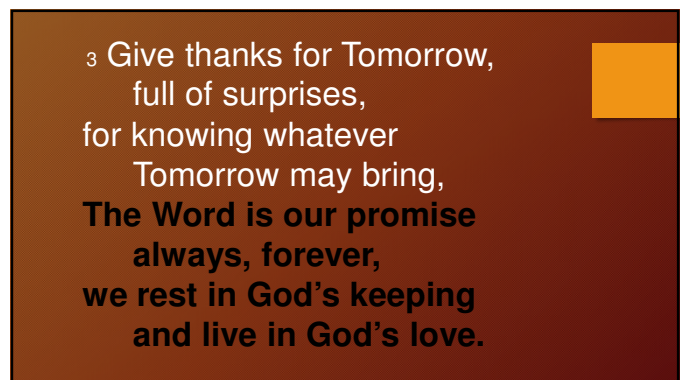
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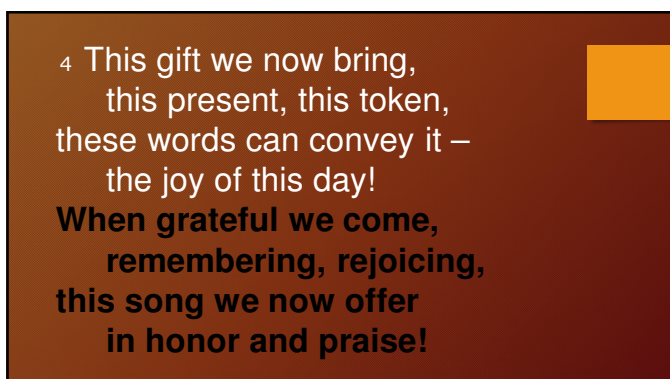
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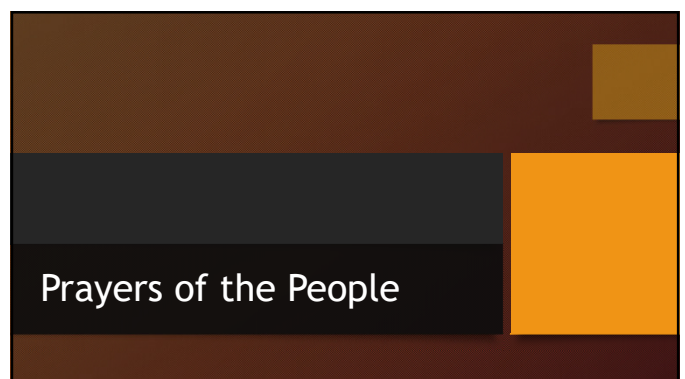
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## The Lord's Prayer

...Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

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## Blessing

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## Postlude

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See you next week!

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