

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

November 12, 2017

10:00 a.m.

*The beginning of the opening voluntary is a call to silent, personal meditation.  
Please silence all electronic devices as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*Cantabile*

César Franck  
(1822-1890)

**INTROIT**

*Come Ye Sons of Art*

Henry Purcell  
(1659-1695)

Come ye sons of art, come away.  
Tune all your voices and instruments play  
to celebrate this triumphant day.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: We will not hide the Lord's teachings from our children.  
**People: We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord!**  
Minister: We will teach our children God's laws, that the next generation might know them.  
**People: We will sing of God's wonders, that our children will rise up and tell them to their children, so that they may set their hope on God.**  
Minister: Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN 470**

*O Day of Radiant Gladness*

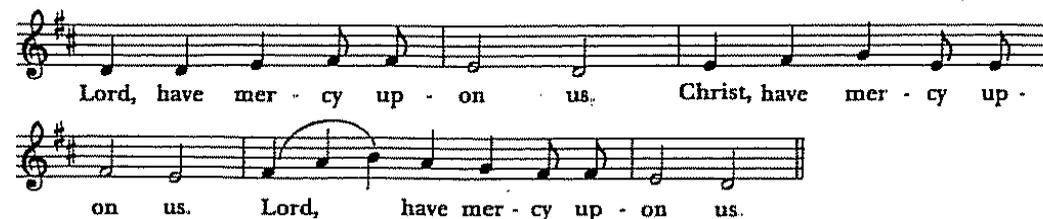
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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You let us choose, O God,  
between you and the false gods of this world.  
In the midst of the night of sin and death,  
wake us from our slumber  
and call us forth to greet Christ,  
so that with eyes and hearts fixed on him,  
we may follow in your ways  
and live according to your will. Amen.

**KYRIE ELEISON**

Healey Willan  
(1880-1968)



**PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

WESTMINSTER ABBEY  
(Hymn 416)

Laud and honor to the Father,  
Laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever three and ever one;  
One in might and one in glory,  
While unending ages run.

**\*THE PEACE**

Minister: As a forgiven people, let us share Christ's peace with one another.  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

**ASK. SEEK. KNOCK.**

Courtney and Trish Franklin

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

God of the Word, now let thy word be spoken. Word of our God, come visit us with grace. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Joshua 24:1-25 (p. 215)

ANTHEM

O Lord God

Percy C. Buck  
(1871-1947)

Oh, Lord God,  
Who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do;  
mercifully grant that by thy power  
we may be defended against all adversity.  
Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 25:1-13 (p. 28)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

HYMN (seated)

During the organ introduction, children through fifth grade  
may process to the Chapel to meet for the Gathering.

SEEK YE FIRST

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,

and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be  
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

SERMON

It's Complicated

Austin Crenshaw Shelley

*"Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve...  
but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."*

Joshua 24:15

*"The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'  
But the wise replied, 'No! There will not be enough for you and for us;  
you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'"*

Matthew 25:8-9

\*HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly

heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a

ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to

flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and

on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.  
Music: Nettleton, melody from A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

## PRAYERS

Minister: The Lord be with you,  
**People: And with your spirit.**  
Minister: Let us pray. O Lord show thy mercy upon us,  
**People: And grant us thy salvation.**  
Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us,  
**People: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

*Prayers concluding with the Lord's Prayer:*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Simple Song*

Leonard Bernstein  
(1918-1990)

Sing God a simple song:  
Lauda, Laudē.  
Make it up as you go along:  
Lauda, Laudē.  
Sing like you like to sing.  
God loves all simple things,  
for God is the simplest of all.

I will sing the Lord a new song  
to praise him, to bless him, to bless the Lord.  
I will sing his praises while I live,  
all of my days.

Blessed is the man who loves the Lord,  
blessed is the man who praises him.  
Lauda, Lauda, Laudē.

## \*AFFIRMATION 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 Ghost, 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 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 catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### \*HYMN 429

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

### \*BENEDICTION

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Carillon de Longpont*

Louis Vierne  
(1870-1937)

\*Congregation standing

### In Memoriam

Margaret Chavis Benton  
May 16, 1926—August 31, 2017



Five Questions to ASK yourself as you think about your pledge:

- What would be missed in my life, in the life of my children, in the life of this community if The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill ceased to exist? Does my pledge reflect the value of this church's ministry and my responsibility for that ministry?
- At the end of the year when I look at how I have spent my money, could anyone tell from my budget that I was a follower of Jesus Christ and committed member of his church?
- If you are reading this as a parent, what does my pledge teach my child about what is important to us as a family? Have we had a discussion as a family about pledging?
- In relation to other discretionary gifts you have made in the course of a year (to your alma mater, the arts, health-related causes, political parties), does your pledge reflect the fact that your church has a discreet number of pledging households (under 400) to support its ministry and mission (vs. alumni, the population of greater Philadelphia, a roster of a few million previous donors, etc.)?
- Because God has made us to find happiness in acts of love not unlike the love we know in the gift of Jesus Christ, have you ever given more than you thought you could afford and been surprised by the joy you experienced in return?

Stewardship Commitment Sunday is next Sunday. Your pledge card will arrive in the mail this week. Our challenge goal for pledges is \$650,000. Please consider growing your pledge by 1% of your household income as together we grow toward a tithe. Then come to worship God, sing your favorite Thanksgiving hymns, and celebrate with a pancake brunch as you make a tangible offering to the work of God's church on November 19.

With gratitude to God for all that you give,

Cindy

**LEADING WORSHIP:** Cynthia A. Jarvis, Brian D. Russo, Austin Crenshaw Shelley and Cassie Paulk; **MUSIC:** The Eight Sopranos, a faction of the Pennsylvania Girlchoir with conductor, Steve Fisher; and Ken Lovett, Organist

**GREETERS:** Elders: Laurie Menyo and Kevin Welsh; Deacons: Conroy and Patricia Anderson

**USHERS:** Michael Baughman, Team #2 Leader; Jim Burns, Jason Jones, Marcia Jones and Barbara Olson

**FLOWER GUILD:** Barrett Stewart and Grace Stewart

*Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stanley Hunsberger  
by the Stewart family,  
Grace, Richard and children.*

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