

# Service for the Lord's Day

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2017

11:00 AM



## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

*\*Please rise in spirit or body*

### THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with your spirit.**

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### PRELUDE

*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

Johann Sebastian Bach

### CHORAL INTROIT

*We Praise You, O God*

Hymn 612

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.  
**God's steadfast love endures forever.**  
Choose this day whom you will serve.  
**We will love and serve the Lord.**  
Let us worship God.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal and merciful God,  
 you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,  
 and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.  
 Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought,  
 word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone.  
 As we remember the lavish gift of your grace symbolized in baptism, O God,  
 we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.  
 Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily  
 to a new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray.

*Silent Confession*

**\*RESPONSE**

Psalm 143

Daniel E Gawthrop

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us thy

*molto rit.*  
 peace, grant us thy peace, grant us thy peace.  
 peace, grant us thy peace, grant us thy peace.  
 peace, thy peace, peace.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Acts 13:38; Ephesians 1:7, NSRV

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.  
**In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness  
 of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.**  
 I declare to you, that because of the life, the death, the ministry, and  
 the resurrection of Jesus Christ we have been forgiven.

**\*RESPONSE**

*Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

*Children from age 4 through first grade are invited to be escorted to “Kids’ Kirk,”  
an age-appropriate worship and learning opportunity, in Room 32 of the Education Building.*

## PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25 Pew Bible, p. 215

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 Pew Bible, p. 204

The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord* Hubert Parry/arr. Russell Widmar

*How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call; to live according to your word and daily learn, refreshed, restored, that you are Lord of all, and will not let us fall. We marvel how your saints become in hindrances more sure; whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear your name, and by our thoughts obscure your power to cleanse and cure. But if, forgetful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear; if worldly pressures fray the mind, and love itself cannot unwind the tangled skein of care; our inward life repair. In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone, in old routines and ventures new, may we not cease to look to you; the cross you hung upon, all you endeavored done.*

**SERMON** “Until the Coming of the Lord” Rev. Brian Alderman

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Brief Statement of Faith 10.4

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Concluding with the Lord’s Prayer (*debt/debtors*)

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

*Chant de Paix*

Jean Langlais

\*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all Blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below,  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Generous God, you have given us life,  
a place to live in, and people to live with.  
Open our eyes to each other  
and to all our brothers and sisters,  
especially the poor, the oppressed, the alienated.  
Make us humble enough to help and comfort them,  
so that your love and justice and peace may come to them.  
We make bold to consecrate ourselves and our gifts  
to you and to the service of others,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*HYMN 766

*The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

McKEE

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Now Go in Joy*

Hymn 745

Now go in joy to spread the word till all people have heard:  
God embraces all! Follow then, the disciples call:  
tend your neighbors with loving care in daily work and prayer. God's  
own grace empower your spirit. Amen!

\*POSTLUDE

*Suite gothique: Toccata*

Léon Boëllmann

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## Worship Notes – Week of November 12, 2017

**We welcome all visitors to our worship today!** Thank you for choosing to be a part of our service. Please help us to know you better by providing your name and address in the Fellowship Register and by indicating whether you are visiting for the first time. Thank you very much!

**Children and Worship:** Our church nursery welcomes children from birth through age 3 during worship. It is located in the Education Wing of the church; please ask an usher to guide you there. For children from age 4 through 1st grade, we offer “Kids’ Kirk,” an age-appropriate worship and learning opportunity. Children are escorted from the worship service with their leaders to Room 32, where parents pick them up after worship.

**Fall Cleanup Day:** Our annual Fall Cleanup Day will be Saturday, **November 18**, from 8:30 until we finish (around noon or 1:00 p.m.). We are enlisting cleanup crew members and seeking church members who’d like some help with the inevitable fall chores of cleaning gutters, changing batteries in smoke detectors, raking leaves, and so on. Contact the church office at 423-764-7176 or email to [dmattison@fpcbristol.org](mailto:dmattison@fpcbristol.org) to volunteer to help or if you need help. There are sign-up forms in the narthex also. Deadline for requesting help is **Wednesday, November 15**.

**Thanksgiving Offering:** We will collect our Thanksgiving Offering in both services November 19. You will find envelopes for that purpose in the late worship bulletin and on seats in the Fellowship Hall. If you write a check, please note “Thanksgiving Offering” on the memo line.

**Music Notes:** Today’s anthem, “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord,” was composed as a hymn by Hubert Parry (1848–1918), an important British composer and teacher (Ralph Vaughan Williams was his composition student). Parry was influential in the revival of English music at the end of the 19th century. Parry’s *Scenes from Prometheus Unbound* (1880) was the first of a series of choral works that showed his gift for the massive effects that characterized English music of the rest of the 19th century. His unison song, “Jerusalem” (1916), a setting of words from William Blake’s *Milton*, became almost a second national anthem during and after World War I. In 1883 Parry was appointed choragus (festival conductor) of the University of Oxford and joined the staff of the Royal College of Music, London, becoming its director in 1894. In 1900 he became professor of music at Oxford. He was knighted in 1898 and created a baronet in 1903. He died without sons, and the baronetcy became extinct.

**Organist’s Footnotes:** The *Revised Common Lectionary* lists Matthew 25:1–13, the Parable of the Ten Virgins, as today’s Gospel lesson. Jesus told this story as an allegory for the End Times, underscoring the importance of being prepared and ready for the coming of the Kingdom. Philipp Nicolai’s hymn, “Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme” (1599), is based upon this parable.

J.S. Bach’s cantata “Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme” BWV 140 is based upon Nicolai’s hymn text. Bach used movement 4 of the cantata as the basis for the first of his six *Schübler Chorales*, BWV 645 (named for the publisher), which is the piece I am playing for the prelude. My organ teacher thought it would be “good for me” to learn this piece from a version employing Bach’s original alto and tenor clef signs.

Years later at a used music sale, I acquired a set of the *Schübler Chorales* previously owned by Mary Landrum, former faculty member at King University. She evidently had purchased this edition many years ago when she

### Serving During Today’s Worship

**Lay Reader**  
Pete Holler

**Ushers**  
Kevin Buck  
Harrison Gilley  
Heidi Harkleroad  
Karen White

**Music Participants**  
Pat Flannagan & Bob Greene  
Sanctuary Choir

**Locking/Unlocking**  
Kevin Buck

**Audio**  
Matt & Erin Kingsley

herself was a still a student, before her marriage to Graham Landrum, because she signed her name “Mary W. Fisher.” Mary, well-known for her sense of humor, had written spurious words under the quickly moving obligato part. “We all do play the organ, organ, ever so clear and lightly. We play the six sonatas, natas, ever so clean and brightly...” Then when the slower chorale melody comes in, “J.S. Bach we do adore thee. We hope our playing does not bore thee ...” I hope MY playing does not bore thee!

Jean Langlais (1907–1991) was a prolific composer, composing 254 works with opus numbers. It was as an organist that Langlais made his name, following in the footsteps of César Franck and Tournemire as *organiste titulaire* at the Basilica of Sainte-Clotilde in Paris in 1945, a post in which he remained until 1988. “Chant de Paix” (Song of Peace), our offertory, is the third of his *Nine Pieces*, published in 1945. I would like to thank Jane LaPella, Organist Emeritus, Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church, Johnson City, for introducing me to this beautiful composition.

### **Birthday Prayer Fellowship**

<b>November 13</b>	<b>Samuel Hankins</b>
<b>November 15</b>	<b>John Crewey, Conor Haaser, Sam Jennings, Billie Whisnant</b>
<b>November 16</b>	<b>Cass Madison, Joyce Samuel</b>
<b>November 17</b>	<b>Sarah Galliher, Wayne Sheffey</b>
<b>November 18</b>	<b>Susan Solomon</b>

### **This Week at FPC**

#### **Sunday, November 12**

8:30 a.m. Worship, Fellowship Hall  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting,  
 Fellowship Hall  
 11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary  
 3:30 p.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal,  
 Sanctuary  
 5:00 p.m. Middle School Fellowship  
 5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting,  
 Room 117  
 6:00 p.m. High School Fellowship

#### **Monday, November 13**

5:30 p.m. Adult Handbells  
 7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds, Room 117  
 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee, Room 123

#### **Tuesday, November 14**

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Room 117  
 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Group  
 6:00 p.m. Venture Crew 3, Room 165  
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 3

#### **Wednesday, November 15**

9:30 a.m. Heart to Heart DVD Bible Study  
 4:45 p.m. Savior’s Singers Choir  
 5:15 p.m. Baby & Toddler Care  
 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner  
 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Kids  
 6:00 p.m. Middle School Gathering, Youth Wing  
 6:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee,  
 Room 117  
 6:15 p.m. Adult Learning, Fellowship Hall  
 7:00 p.m. High School Groups, Youth Wing  
 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
 7:30 p.m. 8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, November 16**

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, Parlor  
 12:00 p.m. Noon Bible Study, Room 117

#### **Saturday, November 18**

9:00 a.m. Leaf Raking Day

