



Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church

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DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 15, 2016 8:30 A.M.

WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

SILENT REFLECTION

“Real goodness does not attach itself merely to this life – it points to another world. Political or professional reputation cannot last forever, but a conscience void of offense before God and man is an inheritance for eternity.”

Daniel Webster

PRELUDE

Chanson D'Arcadelt (“Ave Maria”)

Colton Martin
arr. Franz Liszt

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 119)

Riley Kay

Oh God, you are righteous.

Transform us by your Word!

Your judgments are upright.

Transform us by your Word!

Your precepts are unforgettable.

Transform us by your Word!

Give us understanding and we will live.

Re-form us, reconcile us.

Transform us by your Word!

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 280

EBENEZER

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

WE ARE RENEWED THROUGH GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Larry Beley

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God, we are surrounded by so many distractions that we find it difficult to see you in our lives. Justice has a hard time surviving when there is so much persecution and affliction in our world. Our neighborhoods, our families, even our churches, are filled with strife and contention. We cry for help, listening God; forgive us! As we wait for your grace to fill our lives, may we open our hearts to your hope and healing, always giving thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(Silence for our personal confession to Almighty God.)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

The presence of God's Holy Spirit in the world and in our lives assures us that God is gracious, kind, and forgiving. So hear and believe the Good News I declare to you today: All the promises of God find their "Yes" in Christ. That is why we utter the "Amen" through Him, to the glory of God.

It is God who has put His seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Through Jesus we find a new life, forgiveness, and peace. Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 581

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

Glory Be to the Father

*GREETING

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Stuart Spencer

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

Ernestine Winfrey

Executive Director, Good News Home for Women

WE HEAR GOD'S POWERFUL WORD

ANTHEM

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

With One Voice Choir
Joe Cox and Jody Lindh

(Children from age four through second grade are dismissed to Junior Church.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Thessalonians 1 (pp. 205-206)

SERMON

"Goodness: Playing the Long Game"
Sermon Series: The Fruit of Your Life

Bailey Pruner Heckman

*CHORUS OF PRAISE NO. 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OUR PRAYERS

THE WORK OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Stuart Spencer

OFFERTORY

Improvisation on *Veni Creator Spiritus*

Colton Martin
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*DOXOLOGY (HYMN NO. 606)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

WE GO OUT WITH GOD'S COMFORT

*SENDING HYMN NO. 295

SINE NOMINE

Go to the World!

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Al post Comunio No. 13

Colton Martin
Domenico Zipoli

**Those who are able, please stand.*

“THE FRUIT OF YOUR LIFE:” A SERMON SERIES ON THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT – Pastors Spencer and Pruner Heckman are preaching on this topic until Sunday, **June 12**. (The series began on Sunday, **April 10**.) *The fruit of the Spirit* is a Biblical term that sums up nine attributes of a Christian life, according to Paul: “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (Galatians 5:22-23). This fruit appears by faith in Christ and from the patient work of surrendering our will and pride to the Lord. Ask for God’s help to grow this fruit in your life.

Session Highlights: April/May 2016

Our April meeting began with a study of prayer, led by Pastor Spencer. Stuart introduced the use of Prayer Beads as a way of asking for God to grow the fruit of the Spirit in our lives or of surrendering our sins by praying over the seven deadly sins each day.

In April/May Session took the following actions: heard updates on the Strategic Plan Initiatives; approved the Baptism request for Nicole Nichols, daughter of Kerry and Tyler Nichols, for June 19, 2016; and received into membership the members of the 2016 Confirmation and Commissioning Class (Grace Berry, Ben Green, Harry Green, Aaron Hafner, Robbie Kay, and Jimmy O’Donnell).

The Session Retreat will be held on Saturday, May 21, at the Titusville Presbyterian Church.

If you have a suggestion for types of information you would like to see included on a regular basis, please let me know. Place the suggestion in my TMPC mailbox or send me an e-mail (bauwarter@comcast.net).

In His Service,
Bob Auwarter
Clerk of Session