

Welcome

PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 12, 2023 | 10:00 am
24th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Andante espressivo from Piano Trio in D minor op. 11
Dagmara Suchon Hobbs, violin • Wesley Skinner, cello
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, piano

Fanny Mendelssohn

Lighting of the Candles

Gwendolyn Jensen

Words of Welcome

Michael Hegeman

Call to Worship

Leah Quarles

*Opening Hymn

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

No. 394

**1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and our confidence alone.**

**2 To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your loving-kindness;
hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.**

**3 Here bestow on all your servants
what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.**

**4 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!**

Prayer of Adoration

Gwendolyn Jensen

Call to Confession

Michael Hegeman

Common Confession and Assurance (unison)

Michael Hegeman

Christ, our way, our truth, our life, you have shown us the way, so clearly and fully. You have not simply told us how to live, you have shown us. But we still don't get it. We do not believe all you have said to us; we do not trust the way you have shown us. Help us, O God. Forgive us. Open our ears to your truth, open our eyes to your way, and lead us into new life. Now hear our silent prayers of confession. (silence)

***Congregational Response** (unison)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

No. 435, vs. 2

**For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.**

***Passing of the Peace**

Michael Hegeman

One: The peace of our Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Michael Hegeman

Children pre-K-8th Grade leave for Church School.
9th-12th Grade Youth will remain in worship with their families.
Nursery is available.

Congregational Response (unison)

No. 547

**Go, my children with my blessing, never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;
In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever,
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**

Our Common Life

Leah Quarles

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Offertory

Musical Offering

Song of Assurance

Mark Patterson

Chancel Choir, Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, director
Dagmara Suchon Hobbs, violin • Wesley Skinner, cello
Jonathan Lang, piano

*In the midst of darkness,
In the deep blue stretches of silence,
In the season of loss and longing,
We wonder, God, are you listening?
We wonder, God, are you there?
Do you still know our every thought and hear our every prayer?*

*Come, fill our darkness with your light.
Sweep away this silence with your song of hope,
And let your glory shine in us again.
Let your love live deep within our hearts;
Help us sing your praise once more.*

*Lord, you are the God of our beginning and our being.
You ordained this time and place;
You have called us by name.
We rejoice in your strength;
We give thanks for your gift of grace,
And we lift our voices once again to praise your mighty name.*

*Let the songs of joy resound;
In your goodness hope is found,
And we are blessed, we are made whole,
And we are yours.
Lord, we are yours.*

***Doxology (Old Hundredth) (unison)**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

No. 606

***Prayer of Dedication**

Michael Hegeman

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:4-12

Leah Quarles

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Living Stones

Leah Quarles

Special Music

Scherzo from Piano Trio in G minor
Dagmara Suchon Hobbs, violin • Wesley Skinner, cello
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, piano

Clara Schumann

Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer (unison)

Michael Hegeman

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.

***Closing Hymn**

God is Here!

No. 409

**1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.**

2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

***Charge & Benediction**

Leah Quarles

***Sending Music**

Postlude in c minor BWV 546
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

J.S. Bach

*Please rise.

Scripture

1 Peter 2:4-12

The Living Stone and a Chosen People

4 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.”

7 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

8 and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Living Godly Lives in a Pagan Society

11 Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. 12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

New Revised Standard Version Updated (NRSV)

Notes of Interest

Ushers are Linda Bobier, Leslie Colliopoulos, Mary & Chuck Goldthwaite, Rick Hess, and Julia Mitchell; **Head Usher** is Tim Erion.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following members & friends:

- For Bet, moving into memory care;
- For my 92-year-old father, having a biopsy for suspected throat cancer;
- For Luke, who has cancer;
- For Harold, in senior care;
- For a mother, struggling with alcohol abuse disorder;
- For Pete and Beth, grieving the death of their teenage daughter/stepdaughter, Bella;
- For Cedric;
- For John, having heart surgery;
- For our healthcare workers, first responders, and local and federal government workers who are serving our communities;
- For the people of Haiti and Harmony Ministries;
- For our men and women in the military.

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