

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

* Please stand if able Plain text = Leader **Bold text = People**

PRELUDE *Scotland the Brave Set* (*Scotland the Brave, 42nd Highlanders, Highland Laddie*) Traditional
Centennial State Pipes & Drum

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Dr. Laura S. Sugg

ENERGIZER Children from Vacation Bible School

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

You come to us, alive and present in that Word clothed in human flesh;

so we might hear those songs about forgiveness, echoing with joy.

You come to us, Shepherd of God's people, feeding us with your peace;

so we might go out and offer the bread of hope to all the lost.

You come to us, Spirit of comfort, welcoming us into the kingdom,

where righteousness is our best friend, where justice lives next door.

* HYMN *Morning Has Broken* (see insert)

CALL TO PRAYER & PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Please be seated) Elder

We can no longer play dumb. We not only know the lives we are called to lead, we are well aware of how we fail – through our words as well as our silence by the our deeds and our unwillingness to act. Let us confess to the God who comes to us and dwells with us,

You call us home to live with you, Comfort of the lost,

but we are too busy right now to listen.

We flock to the stores run by temptation and seduction,

seeking the best prices.

We rush to judge everyone around us,

but we ask you to be more patient with our repeated errors.

We feast at the table piled high with broken promises

and drink from the cup of fading dreams.

Yet you continue to cry out to us, Broken Heart,

speaking to us of your love.

Forgiveness is the gift of every moment, not just one day;

hope is our constant companion as we journey with Jesus Christ,

our Lord and Savior, who is your Messenger of mercy.

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. At the beginning, at the end, and in every time between, the good news speaks to us of God's tender mercy and love for all people.

God comes! Not to punish, but to gift us with peace,

not to judge, but to save us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

* SUNG RESPONSE *Glory to God Whose Goodness...* (see insert)

PRESENTATION 9-11 year old VBS Children

HEARING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING Matthew 7:1-5 (see announcements)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Amazing Grace* Traditional
Centennial State Pipes & Drum

TIME WITH CHILDREN Tune STF 2233

(As the children come forward, please join in singing.)

This, this is where children belong, part of our family, part of our song.

Be with us, pray with us, help us grow strong, this is where children belong.

SERMON *Skeptics Welcome: Forget Holier Than Thou* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder

We live in tension between God's warnings and promises.

Knowing the righteous judgement of God in Christ,

we urge all people to be reconciled to God,

not exempting ourselves from the warnings

Constrained by God's love in Christ,

we have good hope for all people,

not exempting the most unlikely from the promises.

Judgement belongs to God and not us.

We are sure that God's future for every person,

will be both merciful and just. Amen.

--from A Declaration of Faith (1977)

* HYMN *Jesus Loves Me!* (see insert)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Highland Cathedral* Uli Roever & Michael Korb
Centennial State Pipes and Drum

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING *Praise God, from Whom All...* (see insert)

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Laura Sugg

* HYMN *I've Got Peace Like A River* (see insert)

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***We are one in the Spirit We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love;
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

POSTLUDE *Retreat Set (The Green Hills of Tyrol, When the Battle's O'er, Castle Dangerous)* Traditional
Centennial State Pipes and Drum

Please come to Fellowship Hall for the Old-Fashioned Fried Chicken Picnic!

Pulpit Elder: Brenda Cavanaugh
Greeter: Lori Golightly
Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette
Flowers: John & Roxanne Foster

Deacon Reader: Lori Golightly
Time with Children: Laura Sugg
Ushers: Bill and Karen Powers
Outdoor Worship Advisor: Ralph Hecox

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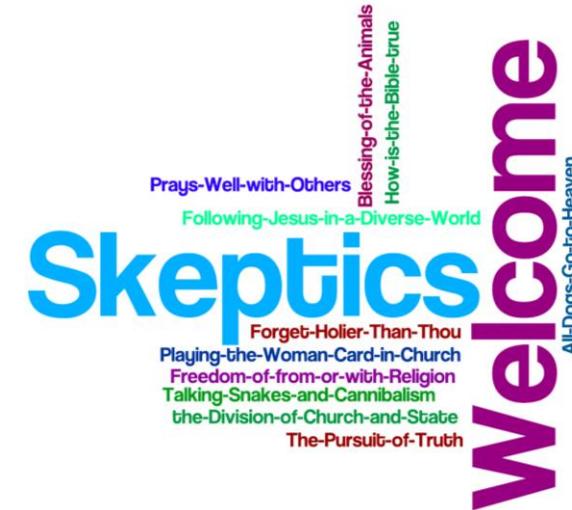
Director of C.E., Children & Youth: Linda Valo • C.E. Assistant: Addie Crabbe

Organist, Hand Bell Choir Director: Julie Pulliam, M.A.

Choir Director: Kevin Crowe, M.M.

Treasurer: Eileen Gardner, C.P.A • Assistant Treasurer: Betsy Smith

Administrative Assistant: Jenny Garner



**Skeptics Welcome:
Forget Holier Than Thou**

*WPC Mission Statement:
To worship God through faith and action,
to nurture the spirit of Jesus Christ in each of us,
to be an extended family to all,
and to serve the community
through programs, education and prayer.*

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