

September 20, 2020

10:00 a.m.



Hartwood Presbyterian Church

Our mission is to develop disciples by
providing worship, fellowship and service
through Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Reverend Doctor Scott Fouts

Music Director: Lara Brittain

September 20, 2020 / 10:00 AM

The People Gather

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 41: 4, 10, 12-13

Pastor: I said, "LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You."

People: But You, LORD, be gracious to me and raise me up;

Pastor: You supported me because of my integrity and set me in Your presence forever.

People: Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and amen.

Prayer of Adoration (responsive)

St. Augustine

O loving God, full of compassion, I commit and commend myself to You, in whom I am, and live and know. Be the goal of my pilgrimage, and my rest by the way. Let my soul take refuge from the crowding turmoil of worldly thought beneath the shadow of Your wings. Let my heart, this sea of restless waves, find peace in You, O God. Amen.

Opening Hymn #8 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (*red hymnal / see insert*)

We Humble Ourselves in Confession

A Call to Confession

1 John 2: 1,2

If you do sin, Jesus Christ always does the right thing, and He will speak to the Father for us. Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and the sins of the world's people.

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

2 Thessalonians 1: 13-14

But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning of salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn #385 "Near the Cross" (*red hymnal / see insert*)

*If you are able, please stand. / **Bold = people participate**

We Listen for God's Word

A Moment with the Children and Youth

A Prayer for Illumination

The Presentation of the Word

The Reading of the New Testament: 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-5
Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy: To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We ought to thank God always for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, since your faith is flourishing and the love each one of you has for one another is increasing. Therefore, we ourselves boast about you among God's churches - about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and afflictions that you are enduring. It is clear evidence of God's righteous judgment that you will be counted worthy of God's kingdom, for which you also are suffering.

Sermon Title: "The Right Kind of Bragging"
A flourishing faith has eternal value.

The People Respond

Hymn #406 "My Hope Is in the Lord" (*red hymnal / see insert*)

A Season of Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer
Our Silent and Personal Prayers
The Lord's Prayer

***Affirmation of Faith (responsive)** (*see insert*)

"The Session would like to remind you that despite the Corona Virus crisis shut downs the church still has financial obligations. You may continue to give by mailing contributions to the Church Office; giving electronically through Realm; or making bulk donations from investments."

***Prayer of Dedication**

We bring our gifts to You, O God, in response to the good news, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Your Word made flesh. May all we do be in response to the new life we have been given. Give us wisdom to use all our gifts to Your glory. Amen.

Closing Hymn #404 "The Solid Rock" (*red hymnal / see insert*)

***The Charge and Benediction**

The Postlude

Please use this week's bulletin in your personal worship time.

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