

October 18, 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

October 18, 2020 / 10:00 AM

The People Gather

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 46:1-3

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a helper who is always found in times of trouble.

People: Therefore, we will not be afraid.

Pastor: Though the earth trembles and the mountains topple into the depths of the seas,

People: Though it's water roars and foams and the mountains quake with its turmoil.

Prayer of Adoration (responsive)

Almighty God, before whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn #9 “Praise to the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”

(red hymnal / see insert)

We Humble Ourselves in Confession

A Call to Confession

Romans 5: 8-9

But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him!

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

You call us to be pilgrims, to follow You on our journey of faith. We would find it easier to follow when so much is not at stake. But You promise that You will be with us, will care for us, and that our needs will be met. Still, there is hesitancy in our every step. Forgive us when we ignore Your promises and follow instead our own will. Bless us with forgiveness, for we falter in our journey when we fail to walk with You. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 5: 17-19

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Hymn #74 “Majesty” *(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 2: 6-12
And you know what currently restrains him, so that he will be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work, but the one now restraining will do so until he is out of the way, and then the lawless one will be revealed. The Lord Jesus will destroy him with the breath of his mouth and will bring him to nothing at the appearance of his coming. The coming of the lawless one is based on Satan's working, with every kind of miracle, both signs and wonders serving the lie, and with every wicked deception among those who are perishing. They perish because they did not accept the love of the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a strong delusion so that they will believe the lie, so that all will be condemned - those who did not believe the truth but delighted in unrighteousness.

Sermon Title: "The Mystery of Lawlessness"
We can love the truth because we put our hope in Jesus.

The People Respond

Hymn #483 "Lead On, O King Eternal" (*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 offerings of love, O God, with the prayer that through these gifts Your will might be done. We are ever conscious that our gifts must be accompanied by our desire to serve Your Holy Will. Bless us in all that we would do and all that we are.
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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