

November 22, 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

November 22, 2020 / 10:00 AM

The People Gather

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 48: 1-2, 8-9

Pastor: The LORD is great and highly praised in the city of our God. His holy mountain, rising splendidly, is the joy of the whole earth. Mount Zion - the summit of Zaphon - is the city of the Great King.

People: God is known as a stronghold in its citadels.

Pastor: Just as we heard, so we have seen in the city of the LORD of Armies, in the city of our God; God will establish it forever. Selah.

People: God, within Your temple, we contemplate Your faithful love.

Prayer of Adoration (responsive)

Great and good God, give us pure hearts that we may see You, humble hearts that we may hear You, hearts of love that we may serve You, hearts of faith that we may live in You, reverent hearts that we may worship You, here and in the world surrounding us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn #561 “We Gather Together” (*red hymnal / see insert*)

We Humble Ourselves in Confession

A Call to Confession

1 John 1: 8-9

If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Luke 1: 78-79

By the tender mercy of our God the dawn from on high will break upon us to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death to guide our feet into the way of peace. We are forgiven. We are given New Life. Let us live into this New Life in love, mercy, and peace. Amen.

Hymn #559 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” (*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: Psalm 100
Let the whole earth shout triumphantly to the LORD! Serve the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Acknowledge that the LORD is God. He made us, and we are His - His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and bless His name. For the LORD is good, and His faithful love endures forever; His faithfulness, through all generations.

Sermon Title: "Be Thankful"
Give thanks to God for all His blessings.

The People Respond

Hymn #20 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" (*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**

O God, You endow us with talent beyond what we earn or deserve. You seek from us service to You in all that we think, yearn for, and do. As we bring our gifts and offerings before You, may they reflect a wise investment of Your trust in us. May Your kingdom's work increase. Amen.

Closing Hymn #556 "Now Thank We All Our God" (*red hymnal / see insert*)

***The Charge and Benediction**

The Postlude

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