

January 31, 2021

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

January 31, 2021 / 10:00 AM

The People Gather

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 57: 1-3

Pastor: Be gracious to me, God, be gracious to me, for I take refuge in You.

People: I will seek refuge in the shadow of Your wings until danger passes.

Pastor: I call of God Most High, to God who fulfills His purpose for me.

People: He reaches down from Heaven and saves me, challenging the one who tramples me.

Prayer of Adoration (responsive)

God of light and truth, you are beyond our grasp or conceiving. Before the brightness of your presence the angels veil their faces. With lowly reverence and adoring love, we acclaim your glory and sing your praise, for you have shown us your truth and love in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Opening Hymn #262 “Holy, Holy, Holy” *(red hymnal / see insert)*

We Humble Ourselves in Confession

A Call to Confession

Jeremiah 10: 23-24

I know, LORD, that our lives are not our own. We are not able to plan our own course. So, correct me, LORD, but please be gentle. Do not correct me in anger, for I would die.

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Holy God, Prince of Peace we come to You confessing that we have desired revenge. We want other to pay for what they have done. We want others to suffer who have caused us to suffer. Forgive us for not wanting to walk in Your ways. Forgive us for not wanting to forgive, for not wanting to restore, for not wanting to renew. Forgive us for holding on to anger and bitterness rather than recognizing our own brokenness and our need for restoration. In the name of the One who teaches us peace we pray. 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 #247 “Spirit of the Living God” *(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

God is the source of our strength.

5¢-A-Meal

We support the Presbyterian Hunger Program PC(USA) through a special "5 ¢ a meal" offering on the last Sunday of each month. This collection goes to alleviate hunger throughout the region served by the Presbytery of the James.

A Prayer for Illumination

The Presentation of the Word

The Reading of the New Testament:

Ruth 2: 1-7

Now Naomi had a relative on her husband's side. He was a prominent man of noble character from Elimelech's family. His name was Boaz. Ruth the Moabitess asked Naomi, "Will you let me go into the fields and gather fallen grain behind someone with whom I find favor?" Naomi answered her, "Go ahead, my daughter." So Ruth left and entered the field to gather grain behind the harvesters. She happened to be in the portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was from Elimelech's family. Later, when Boaz arrived from Bethlehem, he said to the harvesters, "The Lord be with you." "The Lord bless you," they replied. Boaz asked his servant who was in charge of the harvesters, "Whose young woman is this?" The servant answered, "She is the young Moabite woman who returned with Naomi from the territory of Moab. She asked, 'Will you let me gather fallen grain among the bundles behind the harvesters?' She came and has been on her feet since early morning, except that she rested a little in the shelter."

Sermon Title:

"A Man of Noble Character"

If we look, we will see the Holy Spirit is always moving in our lives.

The People Respond

Special Music: "Turn Around and See" sung by Heather Sorenson

A Season of Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

Our Silent and Personal Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

***Affirmation of Faith (responsive) (*The Apostles' Creed*)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and

sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

“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**

Almighty Redeemer, whose mercy knows no bounds, we bring to you our offerings in response to your everlasting love, and in thanksgiving for the gift of your Son. You have called us to commitment, and so we offer ourselves as well as our gifts and offerings. Bless them to your use, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn #259 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (*red hymnal / see insert*)

***The Charge and Benediction**

The Postlude

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