

February 28, 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

February 28, 2021 / 10:00 AM

The People Gather

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 63: 1-4

Pastor: God, You are my God; I eagerly seek You. I thirst for You; my body faints for You in a land that is dry, desolate, and without water.

People: **So, I gaze on You in the sanctuary to see Your strength and Your glory.**

Pastor: My lips will glorify You because Your faithful love is better than life.

People: **So, I will bless You as long as I live; at Your name, I will lift up my hands.**

Prayer of Adoration (responsive)

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, You have made us Yourself, so that our hearts are restless in You. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing Your will, no weakness keeps us from doing it; that in Your light we may see clearly, and in Your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn #353 “A Shelter in the Time of Storm” *(red hymnal / see insert)*

We Humble Ourselves in Confession

A Call to Confession

Joel 2: 12-14

Even now - this is the Lord's declaration - turn to me with all your heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning. Tear your hearts, not just your clothes, and return to the Lord your God. For He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in faithful love, and He relents from sending disaster. Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave a blessing behind Him, so you can offer a grain offering and a drink offering to the Lord your God.

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

We confess, O God, that all of us sin and fall short of Your glory. We are idle when we ought to be active; we listen more to gossip than the Gospel, and when we are called to serve, we more often offer excuses than excitement. We hesitate rather than hasten, when called to do Your will. Forgive us, O Lord, our apathy and grant us courage to become more as You created us to be. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 5: 21

He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. Amen.

Hymn #346 “I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus” *(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 gave the Ark of the Covenant to say "I Am with you every day."

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 3: 8-13

At midnight, Boaz was startled, turned over, and there lying at his feet was a woman! So he asked, "Who are you?" "I am Ruth, your servant," she replied. "Take me under your wing, for you are a family redeemer." Then he said, "May the Lord bless you, my daughter. You have shown more kindness now than before, because you have not pursued younger men, whether rich or poor. Now don't be afraid, my daughter. I will do for you whatever you say, since all the people in my town know that you are a woman of noble character. Yes, it is true that I am a family redeemer, but there is a redeemer closer than I am. Stay here tonight, and in the morning, if he wants to redeem you, that's good. Let him redeem you. But if he doesn't want to redeem you, as the Lord lives, I will. Now lie down until morning."

Sermon Title:

"Terror By Midnight"

God can turn our fears into blessings.

The People Respond

Hymn #354 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (*red hymnal / see insert*)

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**

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 #345 “Blessed Assurance” (*red hymnal / see insert*)

***The Charge and Benediction**

The Postlude

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