

March 21, 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

March 21, 2021 / 10:00 AM

The People Gather

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 66: 1-4

Pastor: Let the whole earth shout joyfully to God!

People: Sing about the glory of His name; make His praise glorious.

Pastor: Say to God, "How awe-inspiring are Your works! Your enemies will cringe before You because of Your great strength."

People: The whole earth will worship You and sing praise to You. They will sing praise to Your name."

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 #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 all the world's people.

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Searching God, we are so attached to our possessions, we have trouble sharing them. We are so connected to our pleasures that we cannot feel the pain of those around us. We are so stuck on ourselves, we cannot sense our souls slipping away into the shadows. Most merciful God, loosen us from the grip of the world, so we may feel your healing touch. Sever us from our sin, so your Spirit might bind us to you. Reshape us, redeem us, so we may take up our crosses and follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

2 Thessalonians 2: 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 for 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 #474 "We Will Stand" (*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 wants our families to stay together today, tomorrow, and forever.

A Prayer for Illumination

The Presentation of the Word

The Reading of the Old Testament:

Ruth 4: 13-22

Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. He slept with her, and the LORD granted conception to her, and she gave birth to a son. The women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you without a family redeemer today. May his name become well known in Israel. He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. Indeed, your daughter-in-law, who loves you and is better to you than seven sons, has given birth to him." Naomi took the child, placed him on her lap, and became a mother to him. The neighbor women said, "A son has been born to Naomi," and they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David. Now these are the family records of Perez: Perez fathered Hezron, Hezron fathered Ram, Ram fathered Amminadab, Amminadab fathered Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon, Salmon fathered Boaz, Boaz fathered Obed, Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David.

Sermon Title: "Triumph"

God caused Ruth to triumph and He causes us to triumph also.

The People Respond

Hymn #486 "Faith Is the Victory" (*red hymnal / see insert*)

A Season of Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

Our Silent and Personal Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

***Affirmation of Faith (unison)** *The Nicene Creed p.15 Ecumenical* (blue hymnal)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 #473 “Victory in Jesus” (*red hymnal / see insert*)

***The Charge and Benediction**

The Postlude

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