

# MORNING WORSHIP

November 19, 2017

Half past Ten O'Clock

## Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*When the music begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.  
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

CARILLON

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

*Now Thank We All Our Lord*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

INTROIT

*Sur Une Tombe*

by Guillaume Lekeu

\*INVOCATION (UNISON)

**O God, source of beauty and goodness, Your grace comes fresh every morning. In each new day You give us light. We praise You for Your never-failing love that satisfies our needs and shows us the way to follow. We rejoice in Your constant care, for You are faithful in love for all people, offering Your salvation through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

+\*HYMN 559

*We Gather Together*

KREMSE

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**Gracious God, we are so often content to sink into the background when You have called us to be bold in the faith. We are so often willing to accept mediocrity, so often hesitant to risk. Even though we are quick to say that You will keep us safe from harm, we cling to the trappings of this world as if they, and not You, were our God. Forgive our apathy. Forgive our fear. Strengthen our resolve. Kindle within us the fires of Your Holy Spirit; in Jesus' name we pray.** (Silent prayers)

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:38-39

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**Congregation: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

+\*HYMN 555

*Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

**Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mother's arms, Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR GRAY ANDERSON STEWART

Andy Burgin, Assisting Elder

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and to the Congregation

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

*The Apostles' Creed*

Hymnal, p. 14

Prayer and the Act of Baptism

Greeting a Child of God

**Leader:** Gray Anderson Stewart is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Gray to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Jessica and Jonathan as they nurture Gray and assist him to be a faithful disciple.

**People:** **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Gray into Christ's Church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of God's love with you, and to celebrate with you God's unfolding blessings.**

\*HYMN 492 (verse 3)

*Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked by the sign of Christ, our King;  
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES - Presentation of Bibles to Third Grade Students

Kim Lee

It is our tradition here at SAPC to present our third graders with Bibles. This is an exciting time for these children, their parents and this community of faith. We congratulate these young people and their families at this important step in their faith journey.

### Litany

**Leader:** We give these Bibles to you praying you will read and rely on God's promises revealed in Scripture. Third graders, let us pray together...

**Third Graders:** Dear God, as we read and study our Bibles, by Your Spirit help us to learn about Your love for us in Jesus Christ. Help us to learn to follow You. Amen.

**Leader:** Parents, let us pray together...

**Parents:** Eternal God, help us to be faithful guides for our children in the reading of Your Word. We promise to read with and pray for our children. As we seek to fulfill this promise, we rely on the assurance of Your love and grace. Amen.

**Leader:** Congregation, let us pray together...

**Congregation:** **Holy God, when these children were baptized, we promised to guide and nurture them by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of His church. We pledge ourselves anew to these promises. Amen.**

*Immediately following Message for Young Disciples, children through third grade are invited to the Chapel.  
They will return to the Sanctuary during the Doxology*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:43-47, pew Bible p. 993

SERMON

"A Thankful People"

Rush Otey

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF EAGLE SCOUT AWARD TO JOSEPH BURGIN BENTLEY

Frank Deal, Assistant Scoutmaster

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Qui sedes” from *Gloria*  
Translation: “He [Jesus] is seated at the right hand of the Father.”  
Phillip Hill, countertenor

by Antonio Vivaldi

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

**Dear Almighty God,**

**We thank You for the earth, shelter, plants, and animals. Thank You for this day and all the people of this Church, and for faithful people in every land. We are grateful for our families and all of our friends.**

**Please help us through sad times, and forgive us when we are unkind. We will try to make this world a better place to live in for everything and everyone, to Your praise and glory. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 551

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*  
**Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.**

DENNIS

\*POSTLUDE

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

arr. David Lowe

\*Those who are able, please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshippers

## SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Please take a moment to sign the registry of friendship as it is passed along your pew so that you may be greeted and greet others by name. If you are actively searching for a new church home, we invite you to fill out the card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate, or bring it after worship to one of the ministers.

Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) reaffirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved away for military service, education, or work, and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (you have recently moved to this area and your membership is still elsewhere, or you simply seek to become part of Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church in your faith journey).

New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Conversations, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn together about all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

SAPC SESSION		
Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Andy Burgin, Jill Cann, Roger Mills, Jackie Salinas, Bill St. George, Ed Thomas, Joy Vickers, Vicki Walker, Sue Ward Youth Elder – Noah Carroll	David Caldwell, Rebecca Cooper, David Harris, Ellen Harris, Todd Muldrew, Christy Parbst, Steve Randall, Jim Williams, Jamie Yearwood	Ashley Armistead, Matt Baskerville, Pam Brownlee Cooper, Meg Dewey, Andrew McLellan, Jay Pfeifer, Kris Phillips, Olen Smith, Laura Stark