

Welcome to this service of worship. As Jesus Christ welcomes each one of us, we hope you sense the friendly welcome of this congregation of God's people. We light the Peace Candle to stand as a beacon of hope, calling us and all the world from darkness to light, from violence to peace.

[*]If you are comfortable doing so, it is appropriate to stand.
Bold type signifies congregational response.

WE GATHER IN JESUS' NAME

PRELUDE

Improvisation on "This Little Light of Mine" Callahan
Aria Callahan

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Restore us again, O God of our salvation.
Show us your steadfast love, O God.
Let us hear what the Lord has to say,
For God speaks peace to God's people.
Let us worship the living God.

* HYMN #469 *Morning Has Broken*

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

God of all grace, come and be known to us in the songs we sing and the prayers we raise. From busy and distracted lives, we come to find you again, confident that you are always present and ready to receive us. Surround us with your love, and fill us with your spirit, that we may truly worship you with our lives. Amen.

*PRAYER RESPONSE #579 *Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

MUSICAL SELECTION Bishop John Selders

SCRIPTURE Luke 11:1-13 Pew Bible NT p. 72

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

MESSAGE "The Power of Persistence" Rev. Russ Feroe

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN # 357 *O Master Let Me Walk with Thee*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
The Lord's Prayer is found on the top of page 16 of the Hymnal, traditional version using "debtors" and "debtors"

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Bishop John Selders

*RESPONSE #592 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye

heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Before you, O God, we offer our prayers, our selves, our gifts, and our service, grateful for all your gifts to us. May these offerings continue your work of transformation in and through our congregation. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

(those with announcements are asked to move to the front pews at this time.)

*HYMN #285 *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Go out surrounded with the unfailing love of God.
With God's strength, we can face the challenges Of our week.
Go out filled with God's peace.
We go out to live as God's blessed children. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #540
God Be With You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a Shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE *Jubilee* Strathdee

SERVICE

Flowers: The flowers are given by Jane and Alan Murray in celebration of July birthdays of son, William J. Wilson, grandson David Nicholas, and granddaughter Alexandra Arpaia.

Liturgist: TBA

Greeters: Ruth Bergman & Ben Klein

Ushers: June O'Neil; Clifford Riley; Keith Rhoden, Jr.; Pauline Robertson



Members, friends, and visitors are invited to join us as our guests for refreshments and fellowship in Hodge Hall immediately following worship. **Jean Nesbitt** and Pam Nesbitt are hosting today.

This is a welcoming Church, embracing sisters and brothers without regard to age, race, ethnic background, sexual orientation, family status, economic situation or theological viewpoint. We want our visitors to feel a part of the family.

“Following the risen Christ, and seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people of faith in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA).”

There is a variety of materials near the entrance to acquaint you with the Church. We encourage you to sign the guest book in the entry and to use the yellow card in the pews to register your attendance and enable us to add you to our newsletter mailing list. Please place yellow cards in the offering plates.

All of our services and activities are open to non-members.

Offering Envelopes are available in the pews for the convenience of those who may have forgotten their assigned envelope or for those who wish to use an envelope for a cash gift. If you wish your contribution to be used for a specific cause, please indicate that on the envelope.

ASSISTED LISTENING SYSTEM AVAILABLE

Anyone who has difficulty in hearing and understanding the service is encouraged to use the assisted listening system. This is a wireless system so users can sit anywhere in the sanctuary. Receivers are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. Many of you have used a similar system at the Bushnell or Hartford Stage.



During the service: we provide Nursery Care in the Buchanan Room for children up to age 4. An usher will direct you to the location. Shannon Hopkins is the nursery director and Augusta Jara is the assistant. For safety's sake, please have a responsible adult drop off and pick up your child. The nursery is air-conditioned during the summer.

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Office Hours: M – F 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
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