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# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



a congregation of The Presbyterian Church in America

# THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## SERMON NOTES

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017—11:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*Please stand if you are able.

### **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 100

LEADER: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.

**PEOPLE: Know that the Lord is God.**  
**It is he who made us, and we are his;**  
**we are his people, the sheep of his**  
**pasture.**

LEADER: Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.

**PEOPLE: For the Lord is good and his love**  
**endures forever;**  
**his faithfulness continues through all**  
**generations.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #679

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

**Oh how good it is to embrace His command  
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives.  
When we live as one, we all share in the love  
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.**

**So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord  
And with one heart we'll live out His word  
Till the whole earth sees, the Redeemer has come  
For He dwells in the presence of His people.**

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## **GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD**

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING HYMN #101

*Come, Thou Almighty King, verse 2*

**Come, thou Incarnate Word,  
Gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.  
Come, and thy people bless,  
and give thy word success;  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.**

POSTLUDE

\*INVOCATION

## **GOD INVITES US TO THE MEANS OF GRACE**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of  
heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of  
the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended  
into hell. The third day he rose again from the  
dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at  
the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From  
there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*  
church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness  
of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  
everlasting. Amen. (\*universal)**

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Ephesians 4:1-3

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in  
a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been  
called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience,  
bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the  
unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 51:1-4; 9-10

**Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.**

**Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

SILENT AND PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 17:20-23

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

\*NT Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION #642

*Be Thou My Vision*

SERMON

“Two Are Better Than One”

Ecclesiastes 4:4-16

Rev. David Hina

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Oh How Good It Is*

**Oh how good it is when the family of God  
Dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity.  
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love  
Are the fruit of His presence here among us.**

**CHORUS**

**So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord  
And with one heart we'll live out His word  
Till the whole earth sees, the Redeemer has come  
For He dwells in the presence of His people.**

**Oh how good it is on this journey we share  
To rejoice with the happy  
And weep with those who mourn.  
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace  
When we offer the blessing of belonging.**

**CHORUS**

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