

Prayer of Preparation

Lord God, giver of life,
as we prepare for worship
and remember the sending
of the Spirit, help us
not to take lightly the highly
charged message of Christ's death
and resurrection.

Help us to hear that message
and trust you, to call on you for
salvation as we open our hearts
to receive the joy and freedom
that comes through your Spirit.

~Amen.

Welcome!

We are grateful that you joined us today and would love to keep in touch. After worship, please join us downstairs for refreshments provided by Arbor Dale's Goodness Group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Refreshments for next Sunday: Faithfulness Group. Contact Barbara Cornett 828-898-7661

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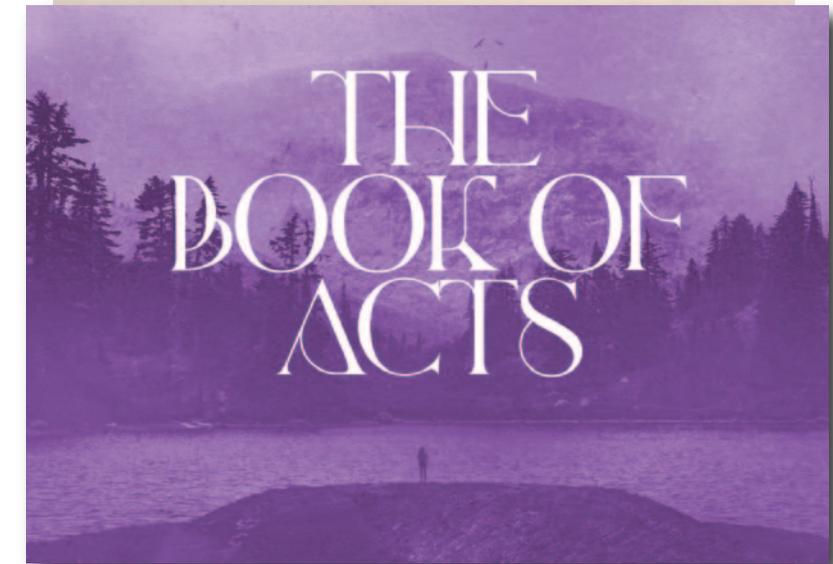
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Service for the Lord's Day

22 May 2022



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



GREETING

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

PRELUDE Christ is the Life of the World
(follow along with insert)

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 92:1-5

Leader: Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.

All: Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

Leader: How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from your river of delights.

All: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

* **HYMN OF PRAISE** Christ Our Hope in Life and Death
(See Insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus says to us, "You must be born again." What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. The wind blows where it wills and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit, who convicts us of our sin and leads us into all righteousness.

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, our Father, to you all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from you no secrets are hidden.

(Pause)

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the fire of your Holy Spirit, blow through us by the breath of your life to take away all that kills, pour out into us the water of life so that we may not fear. Give us your Spirit that is your love so that we might love you and magnify your holy name, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear these words of promise spoken by Ezekiel,
"For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God. I will save you."

Friends in Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are made new, made clean, made God's forever. Amen.

* **PASSING THE PEACE**

* **DOXOLGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above the Heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. ~ Amen

* **CONFESSION OF FAITH** From 1 Timothy

Leader: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:

All: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Leader: There is one God; there is one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus,
All: who gave himself as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

Leader: Great indeed is the mystery of our religion:

All: He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** See How Good it Is
(See insert)

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON Acts 2: More, 2 of 4:
More Receiving & More Sharing

* **COMMUNION HYMN** #425 They Will Know
We are Christians

* **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes In the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* **HYMN OF SENDING** #377 Allelujah Sing to Jesus

* **BENEDICTION**