

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**October 14, 2018
10:00 A.M.**

**THE SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP
“REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS!”
CELEBRATION SUNDAY**

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION “The Best Way to Give. Who’s Right?”
Bob Entrop and Rebecca Johnson

CHIMES

PRELUDE “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (Wilson)

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

**Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!**

Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

**Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!**

**Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!**

**Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!**

**Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!**

***OPENING HYMN #32** “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” (Herzog)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of boundless abundance, we confess today that we are too often confined by a worldview of scarcity. We cannot clearly see that your kingdom is already present, that we are already kingdom

people. We therefore remain afraid that we will not have enough for our needs tomorrow and next week and next year. We cannot seem to free ourselves to live in the joy and abundance of your kingdom.

Forgive us, we pray. By your Holy Spirit, do for us what we cannot do on our own: set us free to live in an attitude of abundance, in thanksgiving, in joy. Grant that we may rejoice in you all our days, and that our joy may show. Through Christ who has saved us. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #581** *“Gloria Patri”* (Greatorex)

**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. Amen.**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Please exchange these words with your neighbors: “The peace of the Lord be with you.” “And also with you.”

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 55:1-11

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“Rejoice in The Lord Always” (Purcell)

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

John 6:1-14

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON “Rejoice in the Lord Always. IV. Again, I Say, Rejoice!”

***HYMN** (bulletin insert, 3 times) “*Rejoice in the Lord Always*” (Batastini)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** From *The Heidelberg Catechism* (1562)

Q. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

A. That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

RETURNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING “*He Leadeth Me*” (Ritter)

***PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW #606**
(Genevan Psalter)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*OUR LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
holy is your name;
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

God of astounding abundance, we bring to you today our pledges of giving, offered joyfully in thanksgiving for the grace you pour over us each day.

We respond especially to the grace we have received in our redemption from sin and from death, through the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah, your Beloved Son. What we could not do for ourselves, you have done for us in Christ.

We acknowledge also that you feed us, spiritually and physically, that we owe our sustenance and life to you, and we dedicate these, our pledges in response, to you.

We acknowledge that all things belong to you, that we are stewards and managers of certain things you give us to hold and administer. Today we return pledges of our stewardship to you, with thanksgiving.

We do not pledge, and we do not give, out of any sense of compulsion or obligation, but cheerfully, with thanksgiving, that we are your people and that you are our God.

**Blessing and honor, glory and praise, to you, God of our lives:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

THE OFFERING OF PLEDGES OF GIVING...WITH THANKSGIVING!

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #363**

“Rejoice, the Lord is King!” (Darwall)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

***Please stand if you are able where asterisks are printed.**

Words in **bold print** are spoken by the congregation.