

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**November 11, 2018
10:00 A.M.**

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand” (Mason)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 127:1-2

Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the Lord guards the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain.
**It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives sleep to his beloved.**

***OPENING HYMN #12**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

(Welsh Folk Melody)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God who watches over the widow, the orphan, and the stranger,
we recall today that we are commanded to imitate your concern
and care for those who are powerless, marginalized, and
vulnerable. We confess that we are typically too busy and too
distracted. We confess that we blame these ones for their
circumstances, when most often they are simply not. We confess
our hardness of heart and our insensitivity.**

**Forgive us. Heal us. Correct us. Restore us, we pray, so that we
may demonstrate the love of Christ for those who are forgotten,
disdained, and cast aside. We pray in your Son’s saving name.
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

Ruth 4:13-17

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Hebrews 9:24-28

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“I Have Longed for Thy Saving Health” (Byrd)

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Mark 12:38-44

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

“Ruth”

***HYMN #318**

“In Christ There Is No East or West” (Reinagle)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *The Confession of 1967*

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ have set the pattern for the church's mission. His service to others commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the suffering of humanity so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on our inhumanity and the awful consequences of our own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

RETURNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Prayer of Penitence" (Tchaikovsky)

***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.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

God of our lives, we give thanks today that you have redeemed us in Christ, when we have done nothing to merit your redemption. We give you thanks that in your Son you have broken down the barriers that separate us from those who are different from us. We give you thanks that in your Son there is one great fellowship of love, throughout the whole wide earth.

Pour out your Spirit on us today and every day, we pray, so that we may live into this reality, the reality of your kingdom, present now, today, here, among us and within us. In response to your call and command, we commit ourselves to the service of our neighbors, especially those who are vulnerable, afraid, and hopeless. Amen.

