

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**Sunday, November 4, 2018
10:00 A.M.**

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Processional of Joy” (Hopson)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!
**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
**When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
**who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;**
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

**The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
**The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!

***OPENING HYMN #662**

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”
(German Folk Melody)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who is holy and perfect, from ancient days you set boundaries for your people, calling them also to holiness. Your commandments are summarized in two simple statements, to love you with all our being, and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

How often we fail in obedience. We worship idols of our own making, things like money, prestige, power, work, leisure, nation, and family. We carefully circumscribe whom we call our neighbors, excluding those who are different from us. We fail to love you and neighbor with abandon.

Forgive us, we pray. Through your Holy Spirit, chasten us and soften the hardness of our hearts. Give us the will and conviction to love you above all else and to love others when it is costly.

We pray in the name of the one who gave himself for us, so that we might live: your Son, our great high priest. 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 1:1-18

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS Hebrews 9:11-14

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

QUARTET *“Though Your Sins Be As Scarlet”* (Doane)
Wayne Bevers, Bob Entrop, Wayne Glass, Bob Williams

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS** Mark 12:28-34

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON “Not Far”

***HYMN #509** *“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”* (Moore)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles’ Creed*

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again 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.**

RETURNING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING *“Come to the Table”* (Pote) Chancel Choir

***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.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (PRAYER)

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.**

BREAKING THE BREAD, FILLING THE CUP

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #326**

"For All the Saints" (omit vs. 4) (Williams)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

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

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