

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**September 30, 2018
10:00 A.M.**

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

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Margy Barbour

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Soli Deo Gloria” (Wilson)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 148, selected verses

Praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!**

Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!

**Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!**

Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

**Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;**
fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

**Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!**

Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

**Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!**

Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

**Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.
Praise the Lord!**

***OPENING HYMN #687**

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” (Croft)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace, God of abundance,
Forgive us, we pray.
Forgive us when our trust in you fails.
Forgive us when we rely on our own knowledge and means.
Forgive us when we think we have it together but have missed the
boat altogether.
Forgive us when the concerns of the world become our obsession.
Forgive us when we can't see the forest for the trees.
Forgive us when we forget you always provide.
Forgive us, we pray.
Give us peace; calm our hearts.
Restore our trust in you.
Remind us of your persistent, stubborn provision.
Free us to rejoice always, in your presence, in your care, in your
love, in your Son.
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

Malachi 3:8-12

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“My Tribute” (Crouch)

Chancel Choir

*READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 23:23

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

“Rejoice in the Lord Always! II: Proportionate”

*HYMN #700

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

(African American Spiritual)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *The Heidelberg Catechism* (1563)

Q: What do you understand by the providence of God?

A: The almighty and ever-present power of God whereby he still upholds, as it were by his own hand, heaven and earth together with all creatures, and rules in such a way that leaves and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and unfruitful years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, and everything else, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

RETURNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” (Sewell)

***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**

Holy One, you are our help and our hope all our lives. You shelter us from the storm and give us rest. You are our defense from the perils of life. When we are lost and afraid, you are our guide and strength. When we are overcome with grief and hopelessness, you are our comforter and light.

Since you hold and carry us so securely, we can respond with courage. We can go where your Son calls us, giving our lives in his service. We can be generous, because you have been generous. We rejoice in you always, God who never fails. 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.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #649**

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

(Columbian Harmony)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

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

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