



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Sit Together Sunday

January 28, 2018 10am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

SINGING Let Everything That Has Breath
By Matt Redman

Blessed Be Your Name
By Matt and Beth Redman

THE LIGHT ENTERS Connor Chaffin

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 111)

One: Praise the Lord!

All: We will give thanks to the Lord with all that we are.

One: The good life begins with honoring and respecting God.

All: When we practice this, our understanding of the world and God's work in the world deepens. Let us worship God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Fred Holbrook
(Please sign and pass the Grace Greetings books at this time.)

MOMENT FOR MISSION Rosehill School Harold Frye

*HYMN 614 "Great Are You, Lord" by M.W. & D. Smith
Sung twice: 1. Great Is the Lord...2. Great Are You Lord
(The children are invited to come forward on the final stanza.)

COME AS A CHILD Noisy Offering – World Food Program
(Afterwards, children ages 4 through 1st grade may go to Awakening to Worship, our child-friendly worship service. Greeters will meet the children at the back of the sanctuary and go to Room 12 downstairs where parents may pick up children when the annual meeting is over.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*
God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You spoke to us through the prophets, yet we have not kept your commands. You give a new teaching through Jesus, yet we fail to obey your living Word. Forgive us, God of grace. Set us free from the grip of sin, cast out all that is evil within us, and bring us ever closer to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
One: Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples...."
All: Jesus came to free us to live and serve with joy. We declare and believe in the depths of our hearts that, through Christ, we are forgiven.
One: Then be at peace, sisters and brothers. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
One: May the peace of Christ be with you and everyone.
All: And also with you and all others!
(Let us greet one another with expressions of love.)

*HYMN 181 "Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit" EBENEZER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

GOD SPEAKS & WE RESPOND
"This Is My Word" by Pepper Choplin
Chancel Choir based on Isaiah 55:10-12
*As the snow falls from heaven
as it comes in swirling showers from the sky, so is my Word.
As the rains bring the water to the earth that is thirsty and dry, so is my Word.
And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty,
it will bless the earth wherever it is heard, this is my Word.
As the rains bring renewal and the tender buds begin to come alive, so is my Word.
Giving seed to the sower and the bread to the hungry till they thrive, so is my Word.
O Lord, when I am weary, when I feel the days I'm living are in vain,
my God, help me be faithful to the Word You have given to proclaim.
And you will go out in joy and be led forth in peace,
and the hills will break before you into song.
So be faithful, brave, and true, for I will go before you.
And when your earthly journey here is done, I'll say well done.
As the snow falls from heaven and the
rain comes in showers from the sky, this is my Word.*

*Equipping People to Develop and Share a
Faith That Works in Real Life*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Barb Purvis
(Old Testament, Page 174)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 1:21-28
(New Testament, Page 35)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "The First Steps: Authority" Fred Holbrook

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC
"Revelation Song" by Jenni Riddle

*HYMN 700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" I'M GONNA LIVE

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION, AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Linda Dover, organ
setting by J. Wayne Kerr

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