

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response (responsive)

We are washed in the waters of God's grace.

Thanks be to God.

The Peace (responsive)

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Life of the Church – Church Picnic

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Anthem *Give Laud unto the Laud* Ernest Bullock

✦ Doxology (sung)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

✦ Prayer of Dedication

HEARING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Congregational Hymn 188, v. 1 *Jesus Loves Me*

Children’s Anthem *Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord*
Bob Hudson

Congregational Hymn 188, v. 2 *Jesus Loves Me*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Micah 6: 6-8 (p816)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 9: 33-37; 42-50 (p.42)

SERMON *Salt Life* Sarah L. Hill

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION [A time to reflect upon the implications of scripture and sermon for your life.]

✦ HYMN 816 *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [An expression of our common hope and purpose.]

Affirmation in Words (unison) *Confession of 1967* [9.15]

We acknowledge that God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of human minds. We ascribe to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But in Jesus Christ God reveals love by

showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God’s love in Christ transforms the world and discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

Affirmation in Song (sung through twice) *Gloria, Gloria*

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

✦ HYMN 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

✦ BLESSING IN WORD [A departing blessing]

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *A Blessing* Martin Shaw

BLESSING IN MUSIC [As formal worship concludes, instrumental music is provided. During the playing of the music you are encouraged to greet one another, sharing the peace of Christ, or to remain seated and allow the music to aid you in fashioning some final prayers.]

In Thee Is Gladness (BWV 615) J. S. Bach

✦ You may stand in body and/or spirit

All are invited and encouraged to attend Coffee Fellowship in Brady Chapel.

MUSIC NOTES:

Choir Music: The **choral call to worship** (with text inspired by Matthew 5:13-16 and Mark 9:50) is from a song by the prolific American church composer, Marty Haugen (b. 1950). The text:

You are salt for the earth, O people: Salt for the Kingdom of God!

Share the flavor of life, O people: Life in the Kingdom of God!

Refrain: *Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, bring forth the Kingdom of Peace; bring forth the Kingdom of justice, bring forth the City of God.*

You are a light on the hill, O people: Light for the City of God!

Shine so holy and bright, O people: Shine for the Kingdom of God! //Refrain

The **anthem** is a staple of the church choir literature. This piece, on a text of unknown origin (but obviously psalm-inspired), is the creation of the English organist, composer, and teacher, Ernest Bullock (1890-1979), whose positions included Exeter Cathedral and Westminster Abbey. The text:

Give laud unto the Lord, from heaven that is so high,

Praise him in deed and word, above the starry sky;

And also ye, his angels, all, armies royal, praise joyfully.

Ye boundless realms of joy, exalt your maker's fame,

His praise your song employ, above the starry frame.

Your voices raise, ye cherubim and seraphim, to sing his praise.

The **anthem** at children’s time is a setting of James 4:10 by Bob Hudson (b. 1966), a contemporary Christian song writer and worship leader based in California. The choir’s text:

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord, and he will lift you up higher and higher.

The closing **choral response**, composed in 1927 by the English musician and editor, Martin Shaw (1875-1958), sets a composite text of a number of scriptural verses from the Epistles. The text:

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast

that which is good; render to no man evil for evil; strengthen

the faint-hearted; support the weak; Help the afflicted; honor all men.

Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,

and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you forever.

Congregational Hymns: “**Here in This Place**” (words and music) is one of the many hymns and songs by the American church musician, Marty Haugen (b. 1950). T the children’s time we sing “**Jesus Loves Me**” (c. 1859), one of many hymns by Anna Bartlett Warner (1820-1915), who with her sister, Susan, taught for many years a Sunday afternoon Bible class in their home to the cadets of the nearby U. S. Military Academy at West Point. The tune (“Jesus Loves Me”) was composed (1862) for Warner’s text by William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868), who spent his last decades as a leading figure in churches and in music education in New York City. Both the text and the musical setting of “**If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee**” were created by the German poet, Georg Neumark (1621-1691). We sing his words in the English version of the great translator, Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878). The choir’s descant is by the Lutheran musician, Paul Bunjes (1914-1998). “**Go, My Children, with My Blessing**” is one of the many hymns by the Lutheran pastor, Jaroslav Vajda (1919-2008), whose texts are known for their vivid images and strong theology. We sing his words to the well-known Welsh melody “Ar Hyd Y Nos.”

Organ Music: The **prelude** and **postlude** are both hymn-based organ works by J. S. Bach (1685-1750). The **prelude** is taken from a set of variations on the tune of a hymn about God’s faithfulness. The postlude, from the *Orgel-Büchlein* [*Little Organ Book*] (c. 1705), a collection of 46 short hymn-based preludes published around 1705, is a treatment of the melody of a jubilant hymn of celebration.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

The nursery will be available from **8:30 am** (for Early Worship attendees) **until 12:15** – after the final worship service.

Announcements & Opportunities

Assisting with 11:00am worship leadership this morning is Hardin Marion.

The **flowers** at 11:00am are given to the glory of God in memory of Lewis G. John by his family.

Our **sympathy** to Hal Sharp, Peggy Sharp, and all friends and family of Hank Sharp, who died this past Sunday, Sept 23rd.

WE HAVE OPENINGS for **flowers** on Sundays - 7, 14 & 28 October.

Come out to a **Community Hymn Sing** on Sunday, September 30th, 5:00pm, followed by a community dinner where a free will offering will be taken to benefit RARA Food Pantry.

WEAR YOUR PICNIC ATTIRE TO CHURCH - CHURCH PICNIC on October 7th 1-3:30pm at Lake Robertson. Three legged race, sack race and bring your best pie to enter it into our pie baking contest. Bring a covered dish to share: Last names between A-M - bring dessert; N-Z - bring Sides/Salads. Sign up in the book located outside the church office.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: The Rockbridge Area Ministerial Association will once again offer a Blessing of the Animals event at Jordan's Point Park at 3:00 pm on Sunday, October 7. You may bring your animals to be blessed, come to remember past pets or just come to be part of the blessing that animals bring to humans.

We have an opening for 11:00am **worship assistant** for Sunday, October 14th. Please call the front office if you'd like to assist. Thank you!

THANTASTIC THURSDAY- On October 4th, come enjoy your favorite Italian cuisine with homemade garlic bread and salad bar, & homemade desserts. Sarah will give a talk on "What I Did on My Sabbatical". Plan for plenty of pictures and storytelling. Dinner begins at 5:45pm with the program beginning at 6:30pm. \$6 per person, max - \$16 per family. Sign up in the book located outside the church office.

HOUSE CHURCH 2018 - 2019: House Church is a small casual gathering of church members to share a pot luck meal and get to know each other better. We meet in members' homes once a month (day decided by each group) and after dinner participate in a group discussion on assorted topics. Please sign up on the sheets on the table at the Murray Hall entrance by 9/30. House Church to begin in October.

If you would like to make financial contributions to areas hit by **Hurricane Florence**, you may make checks to: Lexington Presbyterian Church. On the memo line please write - "Hurricane Florence."

Community Table Volunteers on October 8th: NEW OPENING AT COMMUNITY TABLE: In addition to the normal serving and cleanup crew, we now have an opening for a setup task. Our church is responsible for supplying the volunteers to setup (early afternoon), serve (5:30-7:30pm), and clean up (7:30-8:30pm). Sign up on the sheet in Murray Hall, or call Lori Inman at 615-585-4828 or email: LLWJPI@HOTMAIL.COM.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING: Next Sunday, Oct 7th we will be taking a special offering for Peace & Global Witness. This will take the place of the 4¢-A-Meal offering. Portions of the offering are distributed to the larger church, and the Outreach Committee decides where to use one quarter of this offering. Last year we decided to split our share between the Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and Boxerwood Nature Gardens. All money from our church was used to support CASA services in the Rockbridge/ Lexington/BV area. We also supported the Boxerwood Education Association, which uses the gardens on Ross Rd. as an educational laboratory for all the children in all the schools in our area. Boxerwood teaches peace by encouraging children to see themselves as part of nature.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN (9/30)	5:00 7:00	Community Hymn Sing @ Grace Episcopal Handbells Practice
MON (10/1)	5:00	Communications Committee Meeting
TUES (10/2)	10:00 7:00 7:30	Lectio Divina Session Prayer Session Meeting
THURS (10/4)	5:00 5:45 7:30	Bible Study Thantastic Thursday Adult Choir Practice
SUN (10/7)		<i>Peace and Global Witness Offering</i>
	8:45 9:15 9:45 11:00	Worship Youth Choir Sunday School Worship
	1:00 3:00 5:00 7:00	Church Picnic at Lake Robertson Blessing of the Animals at Jordan's Point Wholeness and Healing Handbells Practice

RARA Pantry Item of the month (Oct): Whole Grain Cereal



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
30 September 2018
11:00 AM

If you are carrying a cell phone or some other electronic device, please turn it off before worship begins.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC OF PREPARATION *O God, Thou Faithful God*
(BWV 767), J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Tell me why you are here:

We're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth.

You are the salt of the earth, people! Salt for the Kingdom of God.

Let us share the flavor of life. Life in the Kingdom of God.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Bring Forth the Kingdom of God*
Marty Haugen

WELCOME

MORNING PRAYER

✦ HYMN 401 *Here in This Place*

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession (unison)

All wise and understanding God, hear our prayer as we confess our sin. Have mercy upon us, for we are deceitful and foolish. Power controls our relations with others; cheating and lying help us gain more control. We are surrounded by values that bring disorder. We are victims of selfishness that distorts your truth. Save us from boasting and serving unworthy ends; save us for Christ in who alone abides peace.

*Please ask an Usher for assistance with hearing devices
& large print bulletins*