

*BLESSING IN WORD

*RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE (Hymn 804, v. 1)

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

***Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ, your King.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!***

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

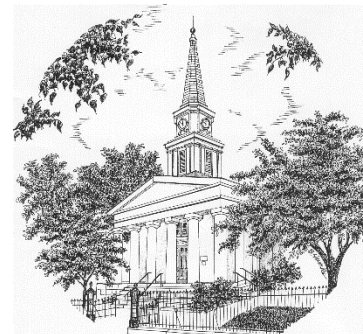
Helmut Walcha

Thank you to Ainsley Carter for assisting with worship this morning. **Thank you** to our worship team - Maggie Irby (moderator), Michael Lynn (waiting room), Skip Hess (soundboard), and Jan Hathorn, Ron Orendorf, and Mac Felts (usher team).

Thank you to Philip Coulling, our song leader, and to the choir. The choir's anthem is taken from a cantata (BWV 80) by Johann Sebastian Bach, a work based on Martin Luther's great hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Into this dynamic orchestral movement (today rendered on the organ) is laid one stanza of the hymn, sung in unison by the choir, bringing strength and drama to the cantata. The choir's text: *One word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth. The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also. The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.* The organ prelude and postlude, also inspired by Luther's hymn, are by two great German master organists from different centuries: Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707) and Helmut Walcha (1907-1991).

Please keep the Pastor Nominating Committee in your prayers as they seek God's will for future pastoral leadership at LPC. They are: Kara Braddick, Ainsley Carter, Mary Dugan, Helen Fure, Margie Page, Mac Baker, Bob James, John Morman, Mike Strickler.

The annual Rafiki sale will be Saturday, November 6, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Grace Presbyterian Church located at 40 Village Way. Products being offered are baskets, jewelry, toys, crafts, nativity sets all made by African widows to whom all of the proceeds go.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
31 October 2021
11:00AM

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

MUSIC OF PREPARATION *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH *Worship Committee/Using Generosity* Laura deMaria

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Listen and hear, all you people of the book!

There is one God who created all time and space.

Our hope is in God who made heaven and earth.

All creatures of the land and sea come from God.

You shall love God with all your heart and soul.

You shall honor God with all your mind and strength.

We will praise God as long as we live.

We will sing of God's glory all through our lives.

Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN 409

God Is Here!

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We have not kept faith with you, righteous God. There are so many distractions that occupy our time! There are so many

groups to claim our loyalty. Even the church involves us in busyness that keeps us from matters of greater importance. In these moments, we seek to know you and to be known by you, that in an honest exchange our relationship with you and with the people around us might be strengthened. In your name, and joining with you, we seek justice for the oppressed, food for the hungry, and healing for all. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Hymn 624, v. 2

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

***Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in every place;
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.***

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 127 p. 541

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Peter 4:7-11 p. 220

SERMON *Care For One Another, part vii* Rev. Tom Groome

*HYMN OF REFLECTION 693 *Though I May Speak*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*AFFIRMATION IN SONG - Hymn 583 (sung twice) *Gloria, Gloria*

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

ALL SAINTS' NECROLOGY & PRAYER

It is appropriate for us to commemorate the lives of the members of this congregation, those who died since November 1, 2020.

Ron Downey November 1

Don Saxton December 8

Frances Swink January 1

Donald Muller January 7

Sue VanLeer January 15

Pat Miller April 8

Donna Wells April 22

Norman Jones June 3

Rae Hickman July 19

Kathy Mabe August 20

Lloyd Craighill September 14

Jane Bicknell October 20

THE BLESSING OF OUR OFFERINGS

Opening Words

*Anthem *God's Word Above All Earthly Powers* (BWV 80) J. S. Bach

*Hymn 609 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***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!***

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN 326

For All the Saints