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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

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Words to hymns are on the back of the bulletin

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10:30 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 8

O God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**When we look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars—why do you think of us?**

For you have made us with glory, and created us with honor and joy.

O God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

In the wisdom of all ages, God gives us life with honor and glory.

We shall praise God for the works of wonder around us!

GATHERING PRAYER

Through baptism, you are one with Christ. He will be with you always. Through baptism, you have received the Holy Spirit. She breathes into you new life. Through baptism, you are sealed in the love of God, who will keep you forever. Amen.

HYMN: #298 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

In Matthew, Jesus calls us not only to confess our sin to bring to fruition the kingdom of heaven, but also to confess our faith. Using the words of the Great Commission, let us confess both, together.

LITANY OF THE GREAT COMMISSION

Leader: Jesus calls us. Come follow me!

All: He spoke of turning the world upside down, where

Right: leaders were servants,

Left: hungry people were fed,

Right: prisoners were set free,

Left: sick people were healed,

All: and peace ruled over hatred and war.

Leader: To everyone he said, “Follow me, and I will show you the way to God.”

All: We have good news to share!

Leader: Jesus commissions us, Go and make disciples of all nations,

Right: baptizing them

All: in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

Left: and teaching them

All: to obey everything that I have commanded you:

Right: Repent.

Left: Rejoice and be glad.

Right: Let your light shine.

Left: Be reconciled.

Right: Do not fear.

Left: Seek God’s kingdom first.

Right: Let the little ones come to me.

Left: Forgive one another.

Leader: Love one another as I have loved you.

All: We have good news to share!

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; a new life has begun.

We are forgiven; be at peace! Thanks be to God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

SERMON "Putting Things in Order"

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PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

THE OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

For all that you have given us, we thank you, gracious God. For day and night, evening and morning, for land and sea, for fish and birds, plants and animals, for humankind, and for your Son, who came among us with the gift of life abundant. Let your Holy Spirit abide in our midst and work through our gifts, that all people may have joy and peace, in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN: #295 "Go to the World!"

CHARGE

As people of faith we have gathered for worship.

As people of faith we now return to the world.

Go out to share the story of faith, the story of life, with the world around you.

We share the faith in word and in deed, in speech and in action.

As you go out to give a living witness,

as you go out to testify to God's love active in the world,

go knowing that God goes with you,

sharing the laughter and the hope, the fears and the tears.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

-Gord Waldie, www.worshipofferings.blogspot.com

BENEDICTION

Hymns

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission!”

1 Lord you give the great commission: “Heal the sick and preach the word.”
Lest the Church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to Your purpose with renewed integrity:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

2 Lord You call us to Your service: “In my name baptize and teach.”
That the world may trust Your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

3 Lord You make the common holy: “This my body; this, my blood.”
Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us share your children's liberty:
with the Spirit's gift empower us for the work of ministry.

4 Lord You show us love's true measure: “Father what they do forgive.”
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

5 Lord You bless with words assuring: “I am with you to the end.”
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry

“Go to the World!”

1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth;
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

2 Go to the world! Go into every place;
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace;
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.

3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
The nights of tears give way to joyful day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.

4 Go to the World! Go as the ones I send,
For I am with you till the age shall end,
When all the host of glory cry, “Amen.” Alleluia. Alleluia.

Scripture Lessons

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

ALL SAINTS' DAY REMEMBRANCE

On Sunday, October 31, we will celebrate All Saints' Day at First Presbyterian Church. During this service we will emphasize that important dimension of our faith when we give thanks for the life and witness of all the faithful through the ages who now dwell in the eternal realm.

Members and friends of our congregation are invited to list the names of loved ones who have joined the Church Triumphant. This year the names of loved ones who have joined the church Triumphant will be put into a memorial bulletin but not read aloud during the worship service unless they passed away in the last year. If you would like to include a loved one in the memorial bulletin, please fill out and return the form by Sunday, October 24. Thank you!

Forms are due back by October 24.

In the memorial bulletin for the Communion of Saints on October 31, please give thanks for:

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Submitted by: _____