

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Service for the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Oct. 30, 2022

Pre-Service Music: *Meditation in C* - John S. Dixon

Welcome and Announcements

In-person Christian Education series, "A Close Look at Jesus's Birth"
John Calvin Presbytery Advent [Bible study via Zoom](#), *Songs for the Waiting*

Prelude: *Moderato* - Gaetano Grieco

Introit #401: *Gather Us In vs. 1*

Call to Worship

God is a hiding place.

Christ preserves us from trouble.

The Spirit surrounds us and keeps us safe.

Take refuge in the triune God, to whom be all glory and honor this day!

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn #19: *God of Great and God of Small* (stand)

Call to Confession

Jesus eagerly embraces anyone with a repentant heart.

Let us come before Christ and offer ourselves in earnest confession.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we cannot see your image in each and every one of our neighbors. We call each other “sinner”; you call us by our names. We misjudge one another, we underestimate ourselves, and we undervalue creation. Pardon us, Holy One, by your grace. Reveal to us your vision for the world that we may see all people through eyes of care and hearts of compassion. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

This is what God’s love is like: You are forgiven before asking.
You are saved without condition. You are loved beyond measure.

Rejoice in the gospel! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #583: *Glory to God*

Hymn of the Day #275: *A Mighty Fortress is Our God (stand)*

Time for sharing joys and concerns, and the prayer list.

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God’s creation.

Worship leader will lead the prayers.

Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

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

Hymn #412: *God Reveal Your Presence vs. 1 & 2* (seated)

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, your Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and enlightens us to hear your Word fresh each day. Help us to rely always on your promises in Scripture. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 1:10 – 18

Epistle Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 1:1 – 4, 11 – 12

Gospel Lesson: Luke 19: 1 – 10

Sermon *Reformed and Being Reformed* Rev. Dennis Winzenried

Affirmation of Faith (1993)

Christ Jesus, Child of Mary, God with us, King and Suffering Servant, High Priest and Lamb of God, Teacher and Word, living, suffering, dying and rising again, you challenge, redeem and restore us.

Holy Spirit, Breath of life, Counsellor and Comforter, Fire of God, you inspire, sustain, and purify us. Forming us in the nature of Christ, transforming us with your gifts, you bind us together in one body, your church. God of all creation, made known to us in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit, your boundless love exposes our rebellion and greed.

A mother who will not abandon her child, a father who welcomes the prodigal home, you forgive, accept and embrace us and call us into loving communion forever. In life and death we belong to you, everlasting God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings (remain standing)

Doxology #606: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Prayer of Dedication: (stand)

Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts that they may be used to your glory in this place. Help us to share your gifts with all those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sending Hymn#547: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (stand)

Charge and Benediction: from Psalm 32: 10 – 11

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice. Shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Go in peace. Live in love. **Serve the Lord**

Postlude: *Little Prelude in B Flat* - Colin Curtis (please be seated)

Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by Lorie Francis, and Jeff Sandquist. Worship led by Jean Day, and sermon provided by Rev. Dennis Winzenried.

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