

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, November 22, 2015

The Christian Year: Last Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

“The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt. Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the LORD on high is mighty!” ~Psalm 93

[Please turn off cell phones and observe silence when the prelude begins.]
Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

***Call to Worship** Psalm 150

Minister: Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens!

People: Praise Him for His mighty deeds!

Minister: Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

People: Praise Him with lute and harp! Praise Him with strings and pipe!

Unison: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

***Hymn of Adoration** No. 715
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer**
O Father, you have loved me and sent Jesus to redeem me. O Jesus, you have loved me and assumed my nature, shed your own blood to wash away my sins, and achieved righteousness to cover my unworthiness. O Holy Spirit, you have loved me and entered my heart, implanted there eternal life, revealed to me the glories of Jesus. Three persons and one God, I bless and praise you for love so unmerited, so unspeakable, so wondrous, so mighty to save the lost and raise them to glory. To you we offer unceasing praise, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From “The Trinity” in The Valley of Vision

***Affirmation of Faith** The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of

Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Praise be to God!

***Gloria Patri** Tune: Ode to Joy
Glory be to God the Father and to Christ, His only Son;
Praise we, too, the Holy Spirit, binding all the Church as one:
As it was in the beginning, is for now and evermore!
Amen, Amen, Alleluia! Praise to God the Three in One!

Psalter Reading (responsive reading, p. 819) Psalm 96

***Hymn of Approach** SH No. 10
How Deep the Father’s Love for Us!

The Prayers of Intercession

Unison: Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, You have brought us safely to this day, protecting us from dangers and uncertainties, both known and unknown. Preserve us with your mighty power that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity. Drive from this place, O Lord, all snares of the enemy and, in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose. In the name and by the power of Him who lay down in the grave and rose again for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Redeemer and Friend. Amen.

Father, we thank you for your works in Creation, for the beauty, splendor and majesty of the world in which we live:

Father, receive our praise.

We praise you for your works of Providence by which we are sustained, preserved, provided for and blessed:

Lord, accept our thanks.

We praise you specifically for the gifts of food, friendship, family and health:

Lord, accept our praise.

We praise and thank you for your marvelous works in Redemption—that in the Lord, Jesus Christ, you have sought us, found us, saved us and brought us safely home to yourself:

Lord, receive our thanks.

For all of your surpassing goodness to us, especially for the hope of your certain return, of eternal life and of the new heaven and the new earth, we worship and adore you:

Father, hear our prayers of thanksgiving.

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn of Praise and Thanksgiving** SH No. 17
My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

Worship of God Through Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology** Tune: Old Hundredth
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

***Reading of The Holy Scriptures** Psalm 126

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon Dr. Mark Futato
“A PRAYER FOR RESTORATION”

***Hymn of Response** No. 98
Now Thank We All Our God

***Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregational standing, if able.*

Cookies and Catechism, immediately following this service.
There will be no evening service.

Advent Services and Activities

December 5, 9:30 a.m.	Hanging the Greens
December 12, 5:00 p.m.	Chili Supper and Children’s Christmas Program
December 20, 6:00 p.m.	Lessons and Carols
December 24, 6:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service