



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

March 3, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Transfiguration of the Lord Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The mission of First Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg is to be and make disciples of Jesus Christ, who know God and, through love, serve the Lord and others. We will accomplish our mission by practicing radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission, and extravagant generosity.

PREPARATION

(Please use the prelude as a time for reflection and preparation for worship.)

**Please stand, if able. Responses are in boldface.*

PRELUDE

"Communion"

Théodore Dubois
(1837–1924)

Jack Rain, organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God summons us from the sun's rising to its setting. Listen, for the mighty one speaks to us.

Our God comes and does not keep silence. Through fire and tempest, God is with us.

God gathers those faithful to the covenant. Be quick to respond to God's invitation.

We seek a double share of the prophet's spirit. We look for a vision to claim our souls.

Open your ears to the good news of the gospel. Open your eyes to the glory of God.

We have come to share knowledge of Jesus Christ. We gather, seeking transformation and empowerment.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

NICAEA

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Fran Simms

When the gospel is veiled from us, mighty God, we feel alone. How easy it is to lose our direction and go the wrong way! At times, we feel as if we are perishing under the demands of our day, unable to see clearly what is most important. We become enslaved to our routines and enticed by shallow distractions. We fill all our hours with doing so there is no time for reflection and prayer. Forgive us, O God, and restore balance to our lives. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Fran Simms

God promises light for our nighttime and guidance on our way. In Christ, God lifts the veil so we can catch a glimpse of glory. There is peace to be found in the midst of turmoil. There is freedom and quiet even amid our busyness. We are released from our slavery to things, and lifted up beyond the limitations of our habits. God forgives us and offers new meaning to our lives.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Fran Simms

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you. Please exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with those sitting around you.

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(Children are invited to come forward to the pulpit area for the Children's Sermon. Afterward, they may return to their parent or guardian or leave the sanctuary for Godly Play.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 50:1-6

Fran Simms

(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 639)

Second Lesson: Mark 9:2-10

Dr. Dawn Conti

(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 54)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“This Wonderful Ordinary Life”

Dr. Dawn Conti

RESPONSE

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of Moses...Cover their faces as they sing:

Hymn 552

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LAND OF REST

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND LORD'S PRAYER

(concluding with) **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.**

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“O, Clap Your Hands”

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872–1958)

Chancel Choir; Michael T. C. Hey, conductor

O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is terrible; He is a great King over all the earth. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises unto our King. For God is the King of all the earth; sing ye praises, every one that hath understanding. God reigneth over the heathen, God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness. Sing praises unto our King. Sing praises!

***DOXOLOGY**

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.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 667** “When Morning Gilds the Skies” LAUDES DOMINI

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Allegro giocoso” from *Sept Improvisations*

Camille Saint-Saëns
(1835–1921)

The congregation is invited to come forward and stand by the organ console.

The minister is available at the door as you leave.