



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

St. Andrew's and Christ the King Sunday  
22 November 2020 + 10:00 a.m.

**Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

**Voluntary**

Highland Cathedral

Korb and Roever

**\*Ringing of the Bell**

**\*Call to Worship**

Rev. Trajan I. McGill

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness,  
come into God's presence with singing.  
Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us.  
Give thanks to God whose steadfast love endures forever  
and whose faithfulness is to all generations.  
Let us enter God's gates with thanksgiving and praise. (Psalm 100)

**\*Hymn 620**

Praise, My Soul

*Lauda Anima*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;  
praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

**\*Invitation to Confession**

Rev. Christian K. Choi

**Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, help us to see one another the way Christ sees us, through the eyes of a loving shepherd. Forgive us for the times we judge others without knowing their stories or ignore their pleas because we do not want to be bothered. Grant us the courage to live out your call in surprising ways and to care for the least among us. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

**\*Sung Response** Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

**\*Declaration of Pardon** Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. The peace of Christ be with you. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Response of Praise** Gloria Patri

**Children's Sermon** Scottish Dance: Highland Fling Traditional

**First Scripture Reading** Ezekiel 34:11-16 Rev. Gerald W. Boutelle

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup> As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup> I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup> I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

**Music** Green Hills Traditional tune

**Second Scripture Reading** Matthew 25:31-46

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

<sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

<sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**Sermon**      The Element of Surprise      Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

*Text: Lord, when did we see you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you a drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing."      Matthew 25:37b-38*

**Music**      Amazing Grace      Anglo-American Tune

### The Church at Prayer

Soloist:      Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

**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.

### Introduction to the Offering

**\*Offertory Response**      Doxology

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Holy God, use us, and these gifts,  
to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked,  
and to honor your presence in all people;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Hymn** Praise the Lord

*Llanfair*

Praise the Lord! God's glories show; Alleluia!  
Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!  
angels round the throne above, Alleluia!  
all who see and share God's love. Alleluia!

Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia!  
Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia!  
Age to age, God's mercies trace, Alleluia!  
Praise God's providence and grace! Alleluia

Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia!  
in the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia!  
All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia!  
singing praise forevermore, Alleluia!

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*March and Retreat** Scotland the Brave

Traditional

(\*) The congregation is invited to stand

**Flowers in the Chancel were given in loving memory of Scott Hoff  
from his mother, Elaine Hoff.**

### **Worship Participants**

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Pastor and Head of Staff  
Rev. Trajan I. McGill, Associate Pastor for Parish Life  
Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry  
Rev. Gerald W. Boutelle, Parish Associate  
Dale Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts  
Tom Ogilvy and Steve Scaife, bagpipers     Lyle VanDeventer, bass  
Lisa Runkle and Sammie Zimmer, Highland dancers  
Elsie and Bob Fox, Videographers  
Mary Ray, Safety Team