



The People of God in Worship

October 29, 2017

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

THE GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

To our Guests, Members, and Friends: In the pew rack you will find a small brochure to give us the opportunity to get to know you and serve you better. Fill in where appropriate, place it in the collection plate, or give to the Pastor. Welcome and thank you.

THE CHIMES

Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit.

THE PRELUDE

Please consider the organ prelude as an invitation to quietly, reverently prepare yourself for worship.

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Deborah Raessler

Leader: O God, you are our refuge and our strength.

People: A very present help in times of trouble; therefore we will not fear.

Leader: O God, you made an everlasting covenant with us.

People: Help us to be your people in this world of trial and trouble.

Leader: O God, too often we have sinned and have fallen short of your glory.

People: Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us and know our thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

Leader: O God, we honor the bold faith of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone before us.

People: May we each be as bold in our faith this week as we cry "Come, Holy Spirit!" Help us to die again and again in Christ so that we might be truly free. Amen.

***INVOCATION AND THE GLORIA PATRI**

Deborah Raessler and The Community

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

THE FIRST READING

1 John 3:1-3

Deborah Raessler

Leader: A Word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

Deborah Raessler

Leader: A Word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

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Leader: Death is swallowed up forever—let us wipe away our tears.

People: **We remember with thanksgiving all those who are dear to us.**

Leader: Our ancestors in faith laid the foundation for this day.

People: **We remember with appreciation those who paved the way with their faith.**

Leader: Teachers, leaders, grandmothers and grandfathers, parents, children, and friends.

People: **We remember with gratitude God's gifts of people.**

Leader: The gifts of many people make us who we are.

People: **We remember with love the people who blessed us with their lives.**

Leader: God brings a new heaven and a new earth—let us live with great hope.

People: **We look to the future in peace, even as we remember the past.**

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Sarah Raessler

Members of the Peakland Baptist Church family who have passed away in the last year:

*Jean Cook, Nancy Haga, Bob Nein, Virginia Brady,
William Chambers, and Mary Katherine Brown*

SOLO

Day by Day

Sandell-Ahnfelt

(Mimi Hermosa, Soloist)

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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*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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

***THE OFFERTORY HYMN No. 767 (vs. 1, 2, 5, 6)**

For All the Saints

THE GIFTS

*Offertory Moment and Prayer

Deborah Raessler

Offertory - Anthem

Sing Alleluia

Johann S. Bach

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE THIRD READING

Matthew 5:1-12

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Leader: A Word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE MESSAGE

Honored in God's Kingdom

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you desire membership in this congregation, you are invited to present yourself at this time. If you prefer not to present yourself, you may speak to the minister after the service to effect membership. As an open membership church, we honor your previous baptism in any other Christian community. If you have not made a profession of faith, we invite you to do so and receive Christian baptism. Church members are invited to use this time to renew their covenantal relationship with God and their commitment to Christian service.

***HYMN No. 686**

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

***THE BENEDICTION**

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***THE CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Amen

***THE POSTLUDE**

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- * The ushers will seat those waiting.
 - * Those who are able, please stand.
 - * Hearing aids are available from the ushers.

(Copies of last week's sermon outline and the current prayer list are in the narthex.)

Peakland Baptist Church would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Cheryle and Vic Angell in the loss of Cheryle's mother, Elizabeth "Lib" Koontz Woodward, who passed away on Sunday, October 22nd.

The beautiful flowers in the worship room today are given by Susan Epling in memory of her father, Raymond Wilson Epling, on his birthday (October 26th). He was a founding member of Peakland Baptist Church.

Offertory Emphasis

This month a portion of your mission gift is being shared with the local Salvation Army. Its "Center of Hope" provides emergency shelter for homeless men, women, and children. Its Community Feeding Program serves breakfast and dinner 365 days a year, averaging 50 to 75 meals per day. Last year over 5,000 individuals were helped by emergency assistance with groceries, rent, clothing, and utilities. This is your mission gift at work in our community.

Please join me in prayer.

We seek to be true neighbors by helping those in need. We celebrate and support the Salvation Army in Lynchburg as one means of practical outreach to our local community. Amen.