



*The People of God in Worship
November 19, 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, and place it in the collection plate. Welcome and thank you!

THE GIDEONS PRESENTATION

Brother Dave Langley

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 prelude as an invitation to quietly, reverently prepare yourself for worship.

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dr. Clif Potter

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: **Before you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

Leader: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

People: **You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the evening it fades and withers.**

Leader: You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

People: **So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.**

(taken from Psalm 90)

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 790**

We Gather Together

***INVOCATION AND THE GLORIA PATRI**

Dr. Clif Potter 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

Psalm 123:1-4

Dr. Clif Potter

Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Dr. Clif Potter

Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

*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. 788**

Now Thank We All Our God

THE GIFTS

*Offertory Moment and Prayer

Dr. Clif Potter

Offertory - Anthem

My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

Getty/Townend

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE THIRD READING

Matthew 25:14-30

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Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE MESSAGE

Investing in God's Future

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

THE SOLO

The Lord's Prayer

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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. 664**

Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord

***THE BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Benedictus

Craig Curry

***THE POSTLUDE**

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

Copies of the prayer list are in the narthex. No Sermon outline this week.

The beautiful flowers in the worship room today are given by the Riley family in honor of the wedding of Taylor Riley Bilodeau and Jordan Bilodeau on Saturday, November 18th.

As Thanksgiving nears, I am reminded of the extraordinary support this wonderful church community gave me, in so many ways, when Grandson William died last summer. I am so very grateful to each of you.
Karen Painter

Offertory Emphasis

This coming month a portion of your mission gift is being shared with Hospice of the Hills to help patients live out the last months, weeks, and days of life as fully as possible. Hospice provides a team-oriented approach to expert medical care, pain management, and emotional and spiritual support tailored to the patient's needs. Its care extends to the family, caregivers, and friends as well. Since its founding, Hospice of the Hills has provided services to hundreds of patients living in the Central Virginia area. This is your mission gift at work.

Please join me in prayer.

We reach out to those seeking comfort and relief in their final days. We offer our support through the work of Hospice of the Hills as it provides care regardless of age, race, culture, or diagnosis. Amen.