



The People of God in Worship

September 23, 2018

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Peakland's 63rd Birthday

THE GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

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 PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Reply: **And also with you!**

THREE 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-(from *God of Grace and God of Glory*; Harry Emerson Fosdick)

Dr. Jackie Asbury

Leader: God of grace and God of glory;

People: On Thy people pour Thy power;

Leader: From the fears that long have bound us;

People: Free our hearts to faith and praise;

Leader: Grant us wisdom,

People: Grant us courage,

Leader: That we fail not man nor Thee;

All: That we fail not man nor Thee.

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 225**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

***INVOCATION AND THE GLORIA PATRI**

Dr. Jackie Asbury 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

Leviticus 19:33-34

Dr. Jackie Asbury

Leader: A word from God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Dr. Jackie Asbury

Leader: A word from God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE ANTHEM

Home on the Rock
(Gary Christie, Soloist)
(David Foley is Gary's nephew)

David Foley/John Parker

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

*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. 408**

How Firm a Foundation

THE GIFTS

*Offertory Moment and Prayer

Dr. Jackie Asbury

Offertory

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

Alone Together

The Rev. Dr. Martha K. Kearse

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. 435**

God of Grace and God of Glory

***CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kears

***THE BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kears

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Christ, Now Go Before Us

***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 last week's sermon and the prayer list are in the narthex.

***The beautiful flowers in the worship room are in
celebration of Peakland's 63rd birthday!***

Offertory Emphasis

Before the first stone was laid, Peakland Baptist Church was born in the minds of 55 individuals who met at the Virginia Baptist Hospital chapel. Their dream of a church out on the edge of the city became this people, this building, this holy ground. One of our first written statements about our purpose was this: "We propose to live and spread the Good News of God in Christ, both at home and abroad. As a true Christian Church we witness through worship, nurture, and mutual concern. Before the community we seek to demonstrate the mercy and justice of God toward all; as Christ's disciples we endeavor to carry forth his commission by implementing world missions." Today, we give thanks to God for this people, this building, this time, this sacred space. We give thanks to those whose vision brought us here and to those who, over more than six decades, have carried on that vision, and brought visions of their own.

Please join me in Prayer:

Lord, we are, each of us, grateful for the life of Peakland Baptist Church. We are grateful for those who have shared this vision of what church can be and whose work, whose financial gifts, whose spiritual guidance, and whose faithful participation have made this church a sacred place. We are thankful, today, to be part of this beautiful work, part of this beautiful vision, part of this beautiful church. Amen.