

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

November 12, 2023 at 10 am

"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." (Galatians 5:25)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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HYMN #138: "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Our hearts are confident in you, O God;
no wonder we sing your praises with all our hearts!

Wake up, lyre and harp!
Wake up, piano, violin, cello, and marimba!
We will wake the dawn with our songs.

We will thank you, LORD, among all the people.
We will sing your praises among the nations.

For your unfailing love is higher than the heavens.
Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens.
May your glory shine over all the earth.

Teach us to do your will, for you are our God.
May your gracious Spirit lead us forward on a firm footing.

* *Please stand if you are able*

Let us worship our loving and holy God!

Based on Psalm 108:1-5, 143:10.

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“COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING”

Come people of the Risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth,
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach,
To gather children in.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night;
Come those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days,
With the certain hope of peace. *[Refrain]*

Come young and old from ev'ry land,
Men and women of the faith;
Come those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing;
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age:
Our God is all in all. *[Refrain]*

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“AS THE DEER”

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee.

*You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee.*

* *Please stand if you are able*

You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything.

*You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee.*

I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joygiver
And the apple of my eye. [*Refrain*]

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THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: *"Keeping in Step with the Spirit"*

Galatians 3:1–5, 5:16–25

Oh, foolish Galatians! Who has cast an evil spell on you? For the meaning of Jesus Christ's death was made as clear to you as if you had seen a picture of his death on the cross.² Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ.³ How foolish can you be? After starting your new lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort?⁴ Have you experienced so much for nothing? Surely it was not in vain, was it?

⁵ I ask you again, does God give you the Holy Spirit and work miracles among you because you obey the law? Of course not! It is because you believe the message you heard about Christ.

¹⁶ So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.¹⁷ The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.¹⁸ But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses.

¹⁹ When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures,²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division,²¹ envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.²⁵ Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

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HYMN #316: "BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD"

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

*The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support
our deacons' provision of care, support, and financial assistance to those in need.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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HYMN #399: "TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE"

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose,
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

* *Please stand if you are able*

Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

- Tuesday, Nov 14** Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
- Wednesday, Nov 15** *Jesus (and the Gospels) in 3D*
Coffee and Study (1:00 pm)
Soup and Study (6:00 for a meal together; study at 6:30)
- Thursday, Nov 16** Joint Session and Deacons' Meeting (6:30 pm)
- Sunday, Nov 19** Choir Practice (9:00 in Parlor)
Worship Service (10:00)
Thanksgiving Potluck (after the service)
- Tuesday, Nov 21** Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
Worship at Channel Point (10:30)
Alzheimer Support Group (1:00-2:30 pm)
- Sunday, Nov 26** Worship Service (10:00)
Congregational Meeting (after the 10:00 service)