

An open space for your thoughts and reflections....

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost.

July 31, 2016

10:30 am

Wind of God, blow far from us
all dark despair, all deep distress,
all groundless fears, all sinful desires,
all Satan's snares, all false values,
all selfish wishes, all wasteful worries.

Blow into us your holy presence,
your living love, your healing touch,
your splendid courage, your mighty strength,
your perfect peace, your caring concern,
your divine grace, your boundless joy.

Wind of God, blow strong, blow fresh, blow now.

Pamela Wilding, Kenya

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Leading in Worship Today..

Rev. Jim Currie Preaching
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Service for the Lord's Day

Gathering Around the Word of God

Welcome and Life of the Church

Minute for Mission

Prelude: *Meditation*

Phil Hilson & Martha Braswell

Jules Massenet

† Call to Worship:

Leader: If we have been raised with Jesus Christ,

All: then let us seek the things that are above.

Leader: If our lives are hidden in Jesus Christ,

All: then let us look for his glory to be revealed.

† Hymn of Praise #612: *We Praise You, O God*

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Faithful and loving God, we confess that we have not lived in faith and love. You offer us the gift of salvation, but we spend our lives in vain pursuits. You provide enough for all to share, but we store up treasures for ourselves. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to seek the way of heaven and to let go of earthly desires so that we might have abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Liturgist: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

#71: *Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me* (refrain only)

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and God will be my Savior.

Leader: Friends, believe and live the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

† Glory Be to The Father (Gloria Patri) #581

† Sharing the Peace of Christ

Chancel Time with Children

"Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.
Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love."

Special Music: *Clair de Lune*

Claude Debussy

Proclaiming the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination #288: *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

First Lesson: Luke 15:11-24 (p. 740)

Sermon Lesson: Hosea 11:1-11 (p. 642)

Sermon: "Lament of a Parent"

Rev. Jim Currie

Responding to the Word of God

† Affirmation of Faith—Apostles' Creed (p. 35)

† Hymn of Affirmation #488: *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *It's Peaceful Here*

Phil Hilson & Martha Braswell

Sergei Rachmaninoff

† Doxology #609: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

† Prayer of Dedication

Taking the Word of God into the World

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (p. 35)

† Hymn of Inspiration #765 (2x): *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

† Benediction

† Response #43 (refrain): *On Eagle's Wings*

Michael Joncas

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,

Bear you on the breath of dawn,

Make you to shine like the sun,

And hold you in the palm of his hand.

† Postlude: *The Rejoicing*

G. F. Handel