

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
19th Sunday after Pentecost
Presbyterians Sharing Sunday

September 25, 2016

10:30 a.m.

* Stand if you are able

Bold: Said by all

Musical Prelude:

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

* Entry of the Word

Welcome and Announcements:

Call to Worship (responsive):

We gather, as God's people, bringing our fears and pain,
**knowing that when our spirits have grown cold,
God rekindles the gift of faith in us.**

We gather, as God's people,
hanging our broken hearts on the branches of the tree of life,
**knowing that while friends may turn against us,
God transforms enemies into sisters and brothers.**

We gather, as God's people, hungering for healing and hope,
**knowing that while life is no picnic,
God prepares a feast for us.**

* Gathering Hymn: *"As the Deer"*

(N.B.P. #27)

Prayers of Approach and Confession:

Assurance of Pardon:

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Choir Anthem:

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (unison): God, source of all light; by your Word, you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, so our hearts and minds may be opened to know your truth and your way. Amen.

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MINISTER: Rev. Mikal Schomburg

ORGANIST: Mr. Ian Madge

Scriptures:

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 29

Hebrews 11:1-13 [NRSV]

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Living Faith: Chapter 6

*Children's Hymn: *"Blessed Assurance"* (N.B.P. #687)

Children's Story

(Grade 9 & under leave for Sunday School)

SERMON: WHAT IS THE CHURCH?
PART III: WHAT IS LIVING IN FAITH?
Silent Reflection

WE RESPOND WITH GRATEFUL COMMITMENT

* Hymn of Response: *"Amazing Grace"* (N.B.P. #670)

* The Apostles' Creed:

* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings, Offertory

* Doxology, Prayer of Dedication (N.B.P. #79)

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

* Parting Hymn: *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"* (N.B.P. #675)

* Benediction:

* Exit of the Word Musical Postlude