

TATES CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church in America

25 September 2011

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

8:30 and 11:00 AM

We cross the threshold of the secular to the sacred,
From the common to the uncommon,
From the profane to the Holy . . .

The Prelude

The Handbell Choir

The Call to Worship

The Minister: As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, O God.

The People: **My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?**

The Minister: O God, You are my God, earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You, my body longs for You, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

The People: **I have seen You in the sanctuary and beheld Your power and Your glory.**

The Minister: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

The People: **One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.**

***The Hymn**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

No. 38


*** The Invocation**

Father, Your presence calls forth our praise, and to render it is our noblest endeavor. As You draw near to us, we want our worship to be a reflection of Your glory and holiness. Yet we cannot come to You without our ever-present inclination to sin. Our hymns at best are still stained with indifference. Our prayers in their highest form are stained with insincerity. Our love for You even in this moment is stained with our recent betrayals. O Father, improve our worship. By the power of the Holy Spirit replace our apathy with zeal, our careless casualness with holy reverence, and our hypocrisy with humble sincerity. Fill our eyes with Your glory, our minds with Your Word, and our ears with the music of Your grace. Grow a righteous fear and adoration in our souls. In our Savior we offer this prayer. Amen.

*The Gloria

The Gloria Patri

MEINEKE



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
Ghost, As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er
shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

The Old Testament Reading

Psalm 1

Pew Bible page 448

The Minister: All men are like grass, their glory like flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall.

The People: **But the word of the Lord stands forever!**

The Anthem

It Is Well with My Soul

arr. Larson

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billow roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul." My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought, my sin, not in part, but the whole is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll: the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul!

The New Testament Reading

I John 2:3-11

The Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Pew Bible page 1021

The People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Reverend Mark Randle (8:30)

The Reverend Robert Cunningham (11:00)

The Prayer of Devotion

Unison: Lord Jesus, You are King of heaven and earth and King of my soul. I submit to You, who owned me as Creator and redeemed me as both Ransom and Redeemer. In God's judgment at the Cross, You traded Your righteous robes for my sinful garments. You were cast off, that I might be brought in...judged an enemy that I might be welcomed as a friend...wounded that I might be healed...made a shame that I might inherit glory. My heart is sworn to You. I have no other Savior. I have no other Lord. I want to love no other more than I love You. Strengthen my feeble devotion. In Your grace and patience, have mercy on my life and posterity. Under Your reign I rest my soul. Amen.

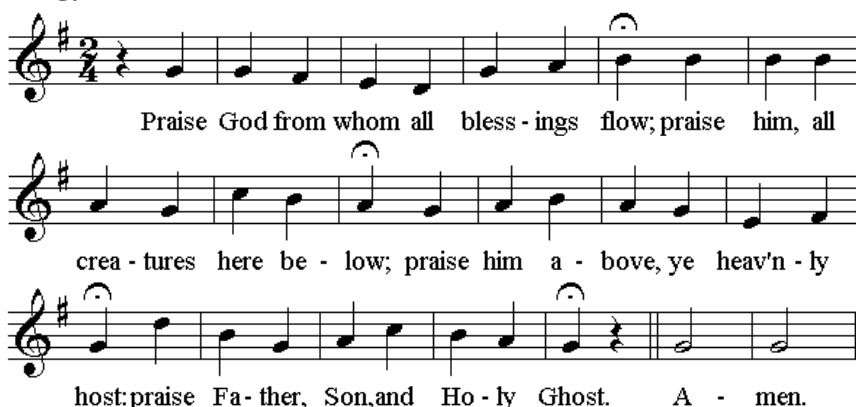
*The Confession of Faith

The Apostles Creed

Unison: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son, Our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
 crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
 host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

*The Offertory Reading

The Minister: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

The People: For the Lord is good, His steadfast love endures forever.

*The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

Be Thou My Vision
 Caroline Breeden and Micah Miller

The Duet
 arr. Fettke

(Children 4 yrs – Kindergarten are dismissed for children’s worship in Room 118)

The Sermon

The Reverend John P. Sartelle, Sr.
 Senior Minister

“Encouragement from the Family Patriarch”

The Text: “I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name’s sake. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.” – I John 2:12, 13

***The Hymn**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

No. 345

***The Benediction**

The Postlude

Toccatà

Young