

# TATES CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church in America

13 November 2011

The Twenty-Second 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**

Beautiful Savior  
Handbell Choir

Eithun

## **The Call to Worship**

The Minister: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

**The People: The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.**

The Minister: The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

**The People: The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.**

The Minister: The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous.

**The People: They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.**

The Minister: By them is Your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**The People: Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults.**

The Minister: Keep Your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.

**The People: May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

The Minister: Blessed are the people of whom this is true; blessed are the people whose God is the Lord..

**The People: We will exalt You, our God and King; we will praise Your name for ever and ever.**

**\*The Hymn**

Rejoice, the Lord is King

**No. 310**

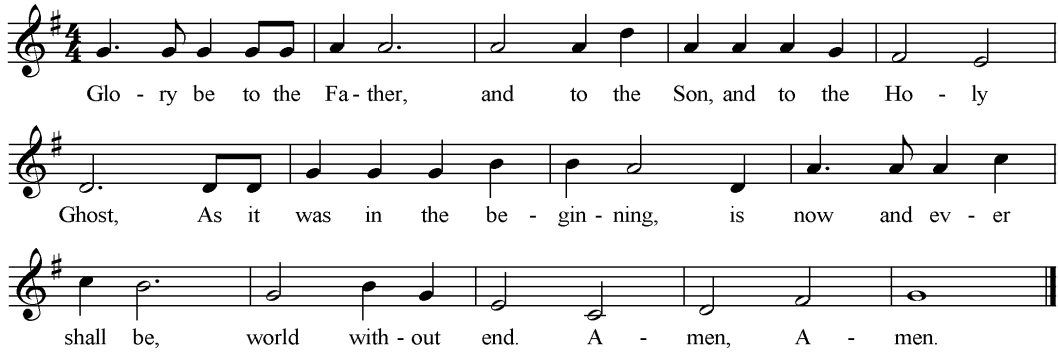
## **\* The Invocation**

**Unison: Father, You are our God, and there is no other. You are our Creator, there is no other. You are our Redeemer, we have no other. We know who You are: the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Open our eyes to see You this morning that our passion would prove the reality of Your presence and our reverence the weight of Your glory and majesty. 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 Anthem**

Set Me as a Seal

René Clausen

*Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it. (from Song of Solomon 8)*

**The Reading of Scripture**

**1 John 3:4-10**

The Minister: The Word of the Lord.

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

Mr. Will Witherington (8:30)

The Reverend Robert Cunningham (11:00)

**The Prayer of Confession**

**Unison: Father, teach us not to sin with such abandon. We do it all so easily: pretend, lie, envy, lust, criticize, brood, ignore, deny, consume, hoard, defame, distort, make excuses, and then expect an easy forgiveness for the asking. God, forgive us for our negligence of Your holy character. Let us not misinterpret Your patience with our sin as though it were permissiveness. Loving Father, astonish us with a wholesome, godly fear which will not drive us to despair, but cause us to number our days and give us hearts of wisdom. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**The Assurance of Pardon**

Jeremiah 31:10, 12

The Minister: The Lord declares: "I will put my laws into your minds, and write them on your hearts, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people. I will be merciful toward your iniquities, and I will remember your sins no more."

**\*The Hymn**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

**No. 528**

stanzas 1 & 2

## \*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<sup>†</sup> Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

<sup>†</sup> Worldwide communion of faith, past, present, and future.

## \*The Doxology

TRINITY



To the great One\_ in Three e - ter - nal prais\_ es be, hence ev - er - more.  
His sov'reign maj - e - sty may we in glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

## The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

### \*The Offertory Reading

The Minister: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High.

**The People: With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to Your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

### \*The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

The Love of God  
Allison Scott, flute

The Solo  
arr. Hogan & Kerrick

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

## The Sermon

**The Reverend John P. Sartelle, Sr.  
Senior Minister**

### “Are You Comfortable with Your Sin?”

The Text: “No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.” – 1 John 3:6

## \*The Hymn

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

**No. 688**

**\*The Benediction**

**The Postlude**

Tocatta in G

Johann Pachelbel

\*Congregation to stand if able