

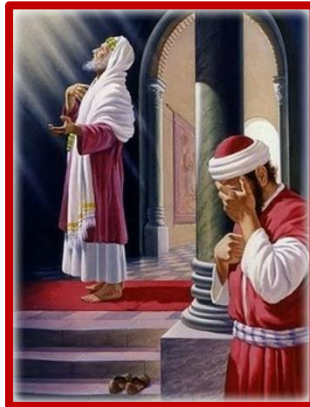


Clothing Body
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The Clothing Church

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLANO, TX

SUNDAY BULLETIN



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
OCTOBER 26, 2025
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*This * means please **stand as you are able.***

PRELUDE & PROCESSION

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

M. Luther/R. Ellsasser

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

MUSICAL CONTEMPLATION:

"Abide With Me"

W. H. Monk/V. D. Thompson

Please stand

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

People: We humble ourselves before our God, ready to hear and receive God's truth.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please Stand

***OPENING HYMN #32** *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

Please be seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, your truth is so often sharp and unsettling. We confess the ways we skirt the hard edges of your Word, turn up the volume on lesser noises, and lean into the comfort of our own certainty rather than submit to the discomfort of your challenge. You send us messengers, and we sidestep them; you challenge us, and we defend ourselves. Again and again, Holy God, we resist what we do not want to hear. And yet you keep calling. Have mercy on us. Interrupt our evasions. Soften what pride has hardened in us. Let us hear and receive your truth. Amen.

Please Stand

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you!

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Greet one another with a sign of peace.

*PEACE RESPONSE HYMN #172 (no repeats) *"Blest Are They"*

*"Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!"*

Please be seated

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (Old Testament)

Joel 2:23-32

ANTHEM

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"
Arr. by John Rutter

Sanctuary Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (Gospel)

Luke 18:9-14

SERMON

"I Am the Greatest!"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please rise

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (From *The Nicene Creed*)

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all this, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilot; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Gracious God, sustain us today through your Word and the act of worship. Deepen our longing to understand and fulfill your will. Guide our hearts toward your path of righteousness, enabling us to walk confidently in your guidance. Hear our prayers, God of love, as we name not only our own needs but also those of people across the world.

People: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We lift up in prayer those grappling with the aftermath of natural disasters, those working to rebuild their lives after floods and wildfires, and those mourning the loss of loved ones, homes, and livelihoods. We pray for those who are weary, those facing the daily struggle to pay bills and provide meals, and those burdened by overwhelming challenges. We also remember those enduring life in war zones, individuals yearning for justice and peace amid chaos.

People: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for leaders, administrators and decision-makers who face the challenge of not being able to satisfy everyone, yet remain committed to pursuing justice and righteousness. We ask that our nation's leaders support those in need, stand up for the oppressed, and resist the temptations of wealth and power. We seek an end to conflicts, a spirit of collaboration among people, and a path toward peace for our nation.

People: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for those who are unwell and the caregivers who support them. We remember those battling depression, anxiety, and other mental health challenges. Release us from the shame and stigma that prevent us from recognizing our needs and seeking the help we truly deserve. Foster within us a shared sense of responsibility for the health and wellbeing of all your children. Finally, O God, shape us for service, so that we may become the answers to the prayers we raise. Let our actions reflect your Word and be inspired by Jesus Christ, the One who saves. United as a family of faith and as the Body of Christ we lift these prayers to you, God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, as we pray how Christ taught us, saying:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Please stand

***CLOSING HYMN #739**

"O for a Closer Walk with God"

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***SEVEN-FOLD AMEN**

***POSTLUDE** *"Timeless Tribute: The God of Abraham Praise/El Shadda/A Mighty Fortress"*

Hebrew Melody; Card, Thompson; M. Luther/M. Ham

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