

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 16, 2018

How can young people keep their way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you;

do not let me stray from your commandments.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

—Psalm 119.5-6, 105

GATHERING AT GOD'S INVITATION

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Marietta Mobley *piano*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Taylor Kirkman

OPENING SENTENCES

Rev. Alan Sherouse

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

David Howard Pettit

Festival Prelude on Thaxted

Tony Sanders, McCormick Music Intern *trumpet*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Terri Vancil

The earth is yours O LORD, for you made it:

Come, let us adore the LORD.

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness:

Come, let us adore the LORD.

God's mercy is everlasting:

Come, let us adore the LORD.

LORD, open our lips,

And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

O God Beyond All Praising

O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship You to - day
And here, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
that we who know Your fa - vor may serve You as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift You send,
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end;
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless You still;



we lift our hearts be - fore You and wait up - on Your Word,
to mar - vel at Your beau - ty and glo - ry in Your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore You, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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Kindergarten: Logan Alkire, Ginny Barber, Hudson Beekman, Charlotte Gill, Raina Gould, Olivia Haynes, Griffin Kesler, Max McCracken, Win Moody, Lila Rose Turner

Third Grade: James Barber, Davis Cox, Grant Duggins, Landon Duggins, Braden Hall, James Messick, Sarah Moore, Miller Norman, Jack Sherouse, Perrin White, Patrick Whitehead

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING

Christina McCord

(Please see insert.)

PRAYER

Rev. Sherouse

†SCRIPTURE SONG

Terri Vancil

Trust in the Lord

Proverbs 3.5

*Trust in the Lord
with all your heart
and lean not to your own understanding
in all your ways acknowledge the Lord
and the Lord will direct your paths
Trust in the Lord*

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

During the musical interlude, children, ages four through first grade, may attend **Junior Church** and return to the sanctuary after the sermon.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Melissa Sample

HEARING GOD'S WORD

OPENING OF GOD'S WORD

Andrew Pettit

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Chris Cherry

James 3.1-12

SERMON

Rev. Sherouse

Faith That Works | Small but Mighty

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN OF RESPONSE 498

HANKEY

I Love to Tell the Story

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jody Moore, deacon


CHORAL OFFERING

Gilbert Martin

The Shepherd Psalm
Sanctuary Choir, Jeff Perry *soloist*

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

CRIMOND



Good-ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me;
and in God's house for - ev - ver-more my dwell - ing place shall be.

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Sherouse

Guests are warmly welcomed today. There are several ways during the worship hour that we can become better acquainted.

During the **Words of Friendship** we will share a personal greeting with those sitting around us. You will find a **Connection Card** in the bulletin that can be filled out and dropped in the offering plate as it is passed in the service. **Ministers** will be greeting worshipers at each exit door after the service.

The rosebud welcomes **Vivienne Ellinore Harrell**, born to Cooper and Andrea Harrell, and big brother Lincoln on September 11.