

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 25, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ASP WELCOME HOME



Appalachia SERVICE PROJECT[®]

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

As the welcome pads are passed down your aisle, please help us to celebrate your worshipping with us today by signing the register.

SHARING OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

PRELUDE

A Prayer as You Prepare for Worship

God, we are filled to the point of overflowing, our cup is full. We are worn out and exhausted after having done your great works this week and we are tired. Despite our being worn out physically, our spirits are filled with love and we couldn't be more excited about what we've been a part of this week. Help us to transform this experience into new acts of love that show the love of Christ to the world. Amen.

—The End of the Week ASP Prayer for 2017

Today's cover art is the logo of Appalachia Service Project, integrating the hammer and the cross to symbolize both the work done and the One who motivates it.

An asterisk indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in Spirit as you feel led and are able.*

*Please join in speaking or singing all words printed in **bold italics**.*

INTROIT/PROCESSIONAL

Down to the River to Pray

This year, our ASP teams were in two different counties in Eastern Kentucky: Knott and Magoffin. In Knott just under 1/3 and in Magoffin just over 1/3 of the total population lives in poverty. By comparison, in Evanston, 12.1% of the population lives with incomes below what would be considered poverty wages, though that figure is artificially skewed higher by the presence of full-time students. The percentage of children living in poverty in Knott and Magoffin Counties is roughly three and a half times the percentage in Evanston.

This week in Summer Sunday School, the children are learning about how, after Moses' time, Joshua led the Israelites. (With God's help we can be strong and courageous.) This lesson is based on Deuteronomy 31:1-8, 34:1-9 and Ephesians 6:10-11.

***LITANY OF PRAYER AND ENCOUNTER**

We have returned. We fixed, painted, scrubbed, built, proclaimed, and lifted spirits.

Well done, good and faithful servants!

We've learned, prayed, cried, sung, laughed, and prayed some more. We've grown closer to each other and to you, our God.

Well done, good and faithful servants!

We're not the same people you sent out. It's not that we found God, but rather God found us.

Well done, good and faithful servants!

We discovered our own needs while responding to the needs of others. We know we have grown; we have been changed forever.

We give thanks to God for our neighbors in Kentucky and lift them into your care, O God. We give thanks for all that you will do with us and with the labors of this past week.

Amen.

TESTIMONY

***HYMN**

Come, Live in the Light

Purple, No. 749

***SHARING THE PEACE**

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

TESTIMONY

RESPONSE

The Summons

Verses 1 & 2 Purple, No. 726

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet

Purple, No. 458

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our hearts and minds, O God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that as the word is read and proclaimed we may hear your message with joy and respond with conviction and hope. Amen.

ANTHEM *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

SERMON READING 1 John 3:16-18 NT, p. 240
This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON *In Truth and Action*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN *What Wondrous Love Is This?* Purple, No. 215

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory *Amazing Grace*

*Response *We Are an Offering* Purple, No. 710

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Generous God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have shown us what it means to love. As those who have been loved in so many ways, we thank you. And you call us to follow your example—to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Continue to write your law of love on our hearts. Give us an unwavering passion for justice, and a tenacious faith that will not rest until the hungry are fed, the oppressed find relief, and the outsider finds welcome. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* Purple, No. 700

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION *In the Highways*

POSTLUDE

We traditionally use the "debts" and "debtors" form of The Lord's Prayer

In Magoffin County, over 27 percent of all adults are disabled, almost three times the national average. One household in 4 in Magoffin County has total income under \$20,000. Less than 1 adult in 10 has a college degree, though high school graduation rates are climbing, currently at almost 70 percent.

In Knott County, more than half the residents must drive to another county or state for work. Disability rates are only slightly lower than in Magoffin. One third of all households have total income below \$20,000. Four homes out of every 10 in Knott County have an appraised value under \$50,000 and median home values are roughly 1/3 the national average.

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God
by Dennis and Lois Calian Trautvetter in memory of Helen Trautvetter
and celebration of Harry Trautvetter and Carnegie and Doris Calian.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgists and Testimony—ASP Participants

A Time with the Children—Alex DeMarco

Musicians—Paul Vander Weele, Howard Levy, ASP Participants

Ushers—Linda Beckstedt, Bruce Eddy, Scott Kellogg, Tom Abendroth

Acolytes—Abby Perry & Anabelle Brown

Our Northminster Family at Work

PROGRAM AND WORSHIP STAFF

Rev. Michael D. Kirby—*Senior Pastor & Head of Staff*

Rev. Jessica Gregory—*Associate Pastor*

Rev. Ann Ohlrogge Johnson—*Parish Associate*

Dr. Christopher Owen—*Director of Music*

Paul Vander Weele—*Organist*

Kate Lee—*Director of Youth Music*

Margaret Parcell—*Director of Northminster Nursery School*

Meredith Rogowski—*Director of Children's Ministry*

Alex DeMarco—*Director of Youth Ministry*

Ami Bauman—*Coordinator of Mom's Morning Out*

Lisa Martinez—*Sunday Nursery Supervisor*

Claudiette Voltaire—*Sunday Nursery Assistant*

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Sharyn Wilson Woods—*Parish Administrator*

Athina Sato—*Financial Secretary*

Davit Hovakimyan—*Facilities Manager*

Alex Villegas—*Sunday Sexton*

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Greg Boyer—*Clerk of Session*

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