

First Presbyterian Church – Lake Charles
24th Sunday after Pentecost – November 15, 2020

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

+ *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* **# 460 (PH)**
“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor, power and praise...”
(Revelation 4:11)

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) **Psalm 123**
To you, O Lord, we lift up our eyes...
To you, O Lord, who are enthroned in the heavens!
As the eyes of servants who look to the hand of their master...
So do our eyes look to the Lord our God, for the mercy he has on us.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, for we have had more than enough...
To you, O Lord, we lift up our eyes, our voices, and our hearts!

+ *Here I Am to Worship* **Lyrics on Screen/Songbook**

+ **Prayer of Adoration:** Holy God, we praise your name. In a world filled with gods that seduce us to follow, You alone are worthy of glory and honor. Vast is your domain; everlasting is your name. As we call upon You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three-in-one, we know you to be undivided. Oh that you would help us to be. Here we are to worship, to bow down, to say that you are our God. May we declare that truth from the rising to the setting sun... for through us, the church, the song goes on. Amen!

Call to Confession and Prayer

Baptismal Lord, you have given us so many talents and gifts to be used in y our world. You have given us these gifts because you trust us to use them well – and you will be with us in all our work. But we disappoint you when we denigrate the value of those talents, or become so fearful of failure we don’t believe that we are capable of helping in the world... around the globe or around our communities.

Lord, forgive us. Help us to trust in the gifts you have given to us and to trust in your guidance in using them. Forgive us when we are fearful, stubborn, apathetic, indifferent the needs around us. Give us hearts for serving you all our days. Hear us now as in silence we call upon perhaps your greatest gift... of unconditional love and mercy...

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, the fulfilment of the promise of our baptism, we are forgiven! Amen!

Prayer of Illumination: Shine your light on your Word, O Lord; by your Spirit let us see your wonder. For your justice outruns our sense of fairness; your love overwhelms our deepest affections. Open our eyes, unstop our ears, and show us your most excellent way; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Scripture on Screen

Matthew 25:14-30

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Message

“Countdown: Taking Care of Business”

Rev. Chan Willis

+ We Believe...

“When I had Not Yet Learned of Jesus” (alt. tune #457) **# 410** (PH)

Dedication of Our Offerings

+ Doxology

592 (PH)

Prayer of Dedication: Lord of blessings and hope, we give to you these gifts as tokens of our lives. Use these gifts for healing and hope in your world. Use us as instruments of peace; this we ask in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sharing of Prayer Concerns and “The Lord’s Prayer”

+ *We Are Called*

2172 (Sing the Faith)

+ Charge and Benediction

+ Postlude

Rev. Chandler M. Willis, Pastor Ben Taylor, Worship Leader

Samantha Holland, Accompanist Emily Lognion, Song Leader

Bam Arceneaux, Percussionist/A-V

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