

We come together...

The beginning of the Prelude is a call to silence and personal preparation for the worship of God.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

+ *Lead On, O King Eternal* # 447 (Presbyterian Hymnal)

+ **Call to Worship** Ephesians 2

You are no longer strangers and aliens, but members of the household of God.
We are built upon the foundation, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.
In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple.
In the Lord we are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.
Let us worship God!

+ *How Firm a Foundation* # 361 (Presbyterian Hymnal)

+ **Prayer of Praise and Adoration** (unison)

O God of promise, who in Christ assembled the alienated and the excluded into the folds of your compassion, we give you praise for your redeeming grace. You break down dividing walls of hostility, and fill us with your Spirit of reconciling love. You set our feet firmly on the foundation of your goodness, and impart to us wisdom that enlightens our days. You are God, who indeed promises new life to all. Amen.

Call to Confession and Prayer

O God, sustained by your mercy we make bold to confess our sin. We expel strangers and deny hospitality. We judge others all too freely. Our hasty words cause conflict and tension. We are disturbers of your peace. As you sent Christ to

+All those who are able may stand.

reconcile your people, forgive the failings of our unredeemed humanity and show us once again the image of your Son, who loved his enemies and taught us to do the same. Hear now, in silence, our personal confessions of the ways we have been disturbers of your peace... Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: "Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace . . . and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us." As we dwell in Christ, so let us also receive his forgiveness of our sins.

Friends, believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, we are forgiven! Amen!

+ *Gloria Patri* # 577 (PH)

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

...to proclaim the Father's Word...

Hymn of Illumination *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* # 426 (PH)

2 Samuel 7:1-14a Pew Bible, O.T., p. 281

Ephesians 2:11-22 Pew Bible, N.T., p. 192

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 Pew Bible, N.T., p. 41

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

Anthem *Near to the Heart of God* McAfee

Message Rev. Wilmer McNair

"Citizens and Members of the Household"

+ We Believe...

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal p. 14

Invitation to the Offering

+ Doxology

592 (PH)

Prayer of Dedication (Unison): Merciful Deliverer, you do not cast away your disobedient people but receive them blameless through Christ's all-encompassing sacrifice. We come before you made clean by your righteousness. As you redeem us, you also empower us through the gift of your Holy Spirit. We rejoice at how you restore the fortunes of your people, and bring you gifts in response to your love. Amen

Sharing of Prayer Concerns and "The Lord's Prayer"

"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"

+ *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

345 (PH)

+ Charge and Benediction

+ Postlude

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