



Church of the Hills
Presbyterian Church (USA)

Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

“Choosing Christ”

Psalm 127:1-5
Mark 12:38-44

Pastor Richard Aylor

November 10, 2024

We are a vibrant family of faith rooted in God's Word, gathering together to worship and equipped to share the love of Christ in the world.

Prelude "Let us Give Thanks" performed by Phyllis Pieffer and Nancy Church

Opening Chant "I Love You Lord" Purple Hymnal 627

"I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear;
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear."

Welcome Pastor Richard Aylor

Moment for Mission Operation Christmas Child Carla McFadden

****Call to Worship**

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

Leader: I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

People: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them and who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

Leader: The Lord sets prisoners free and lifts up those who are bowed down.

People: The Lord watches over the stranger and upholds the orphan and the widow.

Leader: The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!

** Please stand if you are able

****Opening Hymn** “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above” Purple Hymnal 41 (v. 1-3)

O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form;
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power has founded of old;
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

****Invitation to Confession**

Marilyn Sandifer

Leader: Christ came into the world to save us from sin, once and for all.

People: Because of his sacrifice for us, God waits in mercy to forgive.

Leader: Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**** Please stand if you are able**

****Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, when we think too highly of ourselves and clamor after privilege and honor.

People: Forgive us, Lord, when we cannot lift our gaze because we do not believe we have anything to give.

Leader: You have given us the best gift of all: freedom from all that harms us and the way to abundant life.

People: Have mercy on our foolishness and heal our lovesick hearts, that we may live faithfully for you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**** Declaration of Forgiveness and the Peace of Christ**

Leader: Sisters and brothers, the news is good and it is for you: in Jesus Christ, all our failings are washed away; our thirst for goodness is quenched.

People: We remember our baptism and are glad!

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with those gathered here and those watching from home.

People: And, also with you.

Leader: Share the Peace of Christ with one another.

****Response to Forgiveness**

“Open Our Eyes, Lord ”

Red Hymnal 199

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him,
and say that we love Him.
Lord we want to see Jesus

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

All: By the power of your Holy Spirit startle us with your Word, O God, and awaken us to your truth, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

** Please stand if you are able

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 127: 1-5

1 Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the Lord guards the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain.
2 It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil,
for he gives sleep to his beloved.
3 Sons are indeed a heritage from the Lord,
the fruit of the womb a reward.
4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the sons of one's youth.
5 Happy is the man who has
his quiver full of them.
He shall not be put to shame
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Ministry of Music

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

performed by Phyllis Pieffer

New Testament Reading

Mark 12:38-44

38 As he taught, Jesus said, "Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, **39** and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. **40** They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely."
41 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. **42** But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.
43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. **44** They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

Sermon

"Choosing God"

****Response to Sermon**

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

Purple Hymnal 708

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christlike thing.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be;
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

Invitation to the Offering

Prayer of Dedication

****Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Purple Hymnal 606

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.

Prayers of the People 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.

**** Please stand if you are able**

****Closing Hymn**

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

Purple Hymnal 354

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword.
God's truth is marching on.

(Refrain)

Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah! God's truth is marching on.

God has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat
and is sifting out all human hearts before the judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer; O be jubilant my feet!
Our God is marching on.

(Refrain)

In the beauty of lillies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
as he died to make us holy, let us live to make all free,
while God is marching on.

(Refrain)

****Charge and Blessing**

Leader: And all the people of God say

People: Alleluia. Amen.

Postlude

*Please join us for Fellowship Time in the Narthex immediately following the Worship Service.
To all of our visitors, you are welcome to join us, and we look forward to getting to know you
during this time.*

** Please stand if you are able

For Pastoral Care:

Please contact Pastor Richard at 303-828-8263

A General Note regarding Financial Solicitations:

Please remember that a church leader will never directly solicit you for funds or the transfer of funds. We will only ask for your support of the church through the traditional process of filling out pledge cards and fulfilling that pledge accordingly.

Office Hours:

The Church Office is open Tuesday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Peg and Toby normally go to lunch between 12:30 and 1:00 and are back by 2:00). Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Deadlines:

The deadline for all Church Communication Publications and notifications is Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

Additionally, please provide advance notice for any special projects you may have, so that time can be accurately allocated, supplies ordered, and quality and fairness can be provided for all parties concerned.

Please be aware that any items received after the deadline will go into the following week's communication publications and job tasks.

Church Officers:

Pastor – Richard Aylor
Office Administrator – Peggy Farnham (and Toby)
Director of Music – Nancy Church
Finance Administrator – Tom Maxey
Treasurer/Trustee Permanent Endowment Fund – Jerry Bucholz
Clerk of Session – Judy Jensen

Elder – Worship – Christi Todd
Elder – Stewardship – Alan Lebsock
Elder – Love in Action – Vicki Kyle
Elder – Christian Education – Jill Green
Elder – Personnel – Ed Powers
Elder – Nominating – Margi Masquelier
Elder – Administration-

Elder-- Communications –
Elder – Building & Grounds – Bob McFadden

Deacons:

Nancy Grant
Monica Rider
Marilyn Sandifer
Dianne Lebsock
Deb Powers
Marjorie Clinton

Carla McFadden
Laura McKnight

A special thank you to Chase Allbritton and Alexander Hyatt for helping with the tech.

*Hymnals are indicated for those that may have them at home.

Blue - “The Presbyterian Hymnal”

Red - “Songs for Praise and Worship”

Purple - “Glory to God”

Yellow - “Hymns for the Family of God”

Music is reprinted by permission of CCLI #1101861

AV is used by permission of CVLI #303324640

Liturgy and reflections are provided by “Feasting on the Word”, Liturgies for Year B. Volume 2