

Affton Presbyterian Church

Calling, equipping, and sending people to experience life through Jesus Christ

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Service for the Lord's Day

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

↑Call to Worship

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

You provide refuge for all in the shadow of your wings.

With you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

With joy, let us worship God!

↑Hymn #464

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Prayer of Confession

Trusting in God’s grace, let us together confess our sins:

God of joy and God of struggle, we confess that we do not always open our eyes to your presence around us. We make quick judgments, failing to see your precious gifts made real in every person we meet. We fail to see your precious gifts made real in ourselves. We forget that you have made us to need one another and made us to be needed by your world. Forgive us and teach us again to see you in every moment of our living.

Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

↑Response

“Gloria Patri”

↑Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

12 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Proclamation of the Word: “Idiots: The Gift of Difficult People”
from The Gift of Hard Things by Mark Yaconelli

↑Hymn #324 “Open My Eyes That I May See”

↑Affirmation of Faith *The Apostle’s Creed*

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Offering

Please place offerings in the collection plate on the table upon entering or exiting the building. Checks can also be mailed to the church or donations made online.

↑Response of Praise “Doxology”

↑Prayer of Dedication

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Give us curiosity to discover your spiritual gifts within ourselves, so that we might better offer our lives to you. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

↑Hymn #435

"We All Are One in Mission"

↑Charge and Benediction

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak.

Help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

Alleluia! Amen.

Postlude

The people serving you...

Musician: Lynette Milles

Liturgist: Jackie Maze

Proclamation Reading: Karen Murawski

Please remember in your prayers...

Bill Campey, Barb Cavicchia, Joanne Goin, Joe Maze

Getting in touch with the pastor:

Pastor Hannah is on maternity leave Wednesday, December 22 through Tuesday, February 15. During that time, please contact any member of the session for information or pastoral care.

ZOOM Instructions: Meet with us online or via phone at 10 am. Look under "Updates" on our site to join online. or call 312-626-6799 and when prompted, enter the Meeting ID: 942 617 477 (followed by #).

*When asks for a Participant ID number, dial #. On the phone, dial *6 to mute or unmute yourself. If asked for a password, enter 3410.*