

**Presbytery of the Peaks
Worship Service
February 21, 2019**

**Preacher: The Rev. Andrew Whaley, Pastor, Raleigh Court PC
Liturgist: Dr. Leanna Blevins
Organist: Cynthia Dobrinski
Ushers: Presbyterian Women**

**Hymns: No. 138 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
 No. 275 God of Our Life
 No. 442 The Church's One Foundation**

Hymn numbers are for *The Presbyterian Hymnal*

The Order for Worship

*Our worship service today is from the new 2018 edition of the
Book of Common Worship*

Preparation for Worship

Almighty God, you have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude: "Adoration" by Felix Borowski

Cynthia Dobrinski, organ and Lynn Pritchett, flute

***Call to Worship**

Leanna Blevins, Liturgist

Arise, shine, for your light has come!
The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
Nations will come to his light,
and rulers will seek his radiance.
Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
He will judge the people with righteousness
and defend the cause of the poor.
Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
The mystery of the ages is revealed;
the eternal plan of God is known to all.
Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Let us kneel down before him
to give him honor, glory, and praise.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Let us offer him all the treasures
of our hearts and our lives.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

***Hymn of Praise – No. 138 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty**

***Confession and Pardon**

Leanna Blevins, Liturgist

God judges the nations with righteousness, and answers the poor with justice. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The mercy of the Lord is like rain, like showers that water the earth. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. Andrew Whaley

Holy One, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, the morning star that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Scripture

I Kings 12:1-17

Sermon: "Respect Your Elders"

The Rev. Andrew Whaley
Pastor, Raleigh Court PC

***Hymn – No. 275 God of Our Life**

***Affirmation of Faith – from I Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:1-9; Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28**

Leanna Blevins, Liturgist

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

***Sharing the Peace**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The people may exchange signs of Christ's peace and reconciling love.

Offering: Two Cents a Meal and Offertory Prayer

Denise Pillow

Giving Thanks for Faithful Servants

During the collection of the Offering the names of Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders who died in 2018 will scroll on the screens. Please remember them in your prayers.

Offertory – Special Music

Cynthia Dobrinski, organ and Deborah Burgess, soloist

***Presentation of Gifts - The Doxology**

***Prayer for Servants Who Have Died**

Rev. Andrew Whaley

O God, before whom generations rise and pass away, we praise you for all of our elders who, having lived this life in faith, now live eternally with you. Especially we thank you for the Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders of this presbytery who died during the past year. We praise you for the gift of their lives, for all in them that was good and kind and faithful, for the grace you gave them that kindled in them the love of your dear name, and enabled them to serve you faithfully. We thank you that for them death is past and pain ended, and that they have now entered the joy you have prepared; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn – No. 442 The Church's One Foundation**

***Blessing and Charge**

The Rev. Andrew Whaley

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

Alleluia!

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***Postlude: "Vivace from Concerto in D" by J.D. Druckmuller**

Cynthia Dobrinski