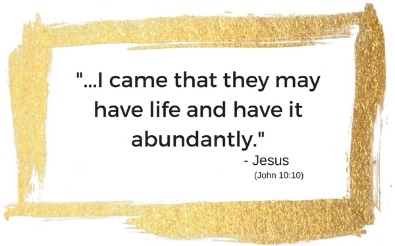
**Gerrardstown Presbyterian Church 11am Worship Service**

**October 22, 2017**

**~We Gather~**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements, Joys and Concerns of the Church**

Please sign the red Friendship pad in the pew and pass along to others.

**Greet each other**

**Centering Song** #743 O God You Are My God

**Prayer for the Day**

**\*Call to Worship**

One: Who called us to come today?

**All: The One who calls us into being.**

One: To whom do we come to give our praise and adoration?

**All: The One who has searched us and known us.**

One: Who is this One?

**All: God, our Father, his Beloved Son and the Holy Spirit, who calls us to love and worship God with all that we are.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**: #385 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

**~We Confess our Sin and Receive Pardon~**

**Call to Confession:** Sometimes we fear that when we confess all that is wrong, we will be exposed and condemned. Our hope in Christ tells us a different thing, that when we confess we open up the way to mercy and forgiveness. Trusting in that hope, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We are so scattered, O God: We flit from cause to cause;**

**We are easily distracted by the next important thing;**

**We think about yesterday and tomorrow but not today.**

**Help us to be mindful of the grace and beauty that surround us right now.**

**Help us commit to the need that is before us right now.**

**Help us to think deeply, and respond generously,**

**as you have loved us deeply and forgiven us generously.**

**This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us proclaim the Good News:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

***~We Hear a Word from the Lord~***

**Children’s Message**

**Hymn of Meditation** #25 O Lord, Our God, How Excellent

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Scripture Lessons:** Psalm 62:10-12, Proverbs 10:4, 22; 11:28; 30:8-9

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** God’s Abundance: Our Abundance of Resources

**Second Scripture Lesson:** Matthew 25:14-20

***~We Respond in Joyful Service~***

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Apostles Creed**

**~We Go Forth to Serve~**

**\*Closing Hymn:** #838 Standing on the Promises of God

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response: #838 Standing on the Promises refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior, standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God.**

**Postlude**

**Sandy Sherrard, Lay Leader**

**Beverly Hughes, Organist**

**Rev. Karen Greenawalt, Pastor**

**\*You are invited to stand**

**Welcome to Gerrardstown Presbyterian Church. We are glad you are here!** If you are a first time guest, please fill out the Red Friendship pads in the pew. We invite you to prayerfully consider GPC a place to call home. If you would like to become a member please talk to Pastor Karen.

**Children are a vital part of our congregation.** Each Sunday we offer Sunday school at 9:45am downstairs, a Children’s Message in worship and Children’s Church downstairs after the Children’s Message. Child care is also available in the nursery downstairs for all those 2 years and younger.

**Coffee and Conversations- join us at** 9:45am for the study of the Gospel of Mark. We will be on Chapter 9 next week.

**A New Name!** Session invites you to submit a new name for the newly renovated area in the rear of the sanctuary. Write it down on a slip of paper and place it in the offering plate. Work is completed & waiting for inspection!

**Upcoming Events:**

**Today: Congregational Meeting at 11am** for nominations of elders.

**Saturday Oct. 28 – Halloween Hayride and Family Fun 3:30-5:30PM** behind the Hall. If you can help let Tracey or Pastor Karen know.

**Tues. Oct. 31 Community Dinner and Trick or Treat– 4:30pm-6:30pm**

**Sat. Nov. 11 – Keep the Faith 5K Color Run/Walk – Poor House Park** to benefit Good Samaritan Clinic and Faith Community Coalition for the Homeless. Chili or side dishes needed and socks for the homeless.

**Wed. Nov. 15: Session Meets 2:30pm in Hall**

**Wed. Nov. 22** – Community Thanksgiving Dinner 430-6:30pm in the Hall.

Prayer of Confession by Rev. Beth Merrill Neel <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession/>

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4. How does Jesus show me what God is really like?

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6. What have I been given? Has God gifted me with any resources?

7. What have I done with these resources during my life? What am I doing now?

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