

**OLD UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

November 13, 2022

PRELUDE (Time for preparation)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 69:30-34

\*HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy" #262

\*CONFESSION OF SIN: "Lord, forgive the times when we fail to treat people with respect. We may look past a stranger, not seeing your reflection in them. We may speak in with contempt to a friend or loved one, allowing our anger to overshadow our relationship. Teach us to see one another with your eyes of love, which led you to offer yourself on the cross on our behalf. Amen."

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON from 1 John 2:12-14

\*GLORIA PATRI (Song of Praise) #623

SPECIAL MUSIC

NEW TESTAMENT (Unison): John 8:2-11

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Kings 2:13-23

CHILDREN'S TIME

\*HYMN "One Day" #170

SERMON "The Gospel According to Aretha Franklin"

\*HYMN "Jesus Saves!" #306

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (back cover of hymnal)

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY (Song of Dedication) #626

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Confession of Belhar (Bulletin Insert)

\*BENEDICTION (Closing Blessing) Revelation 1:5-6  
(Response: "...And build each other up.")

\*CLOSING SONG "This Is the Day" #590  
(\* If you are able, please stand.)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Leading worship this morning:  
Scripture Reader: Vicky L.  
Children's Time: Heather I.

Today's Affirmation of Faith comes from the Confession of Belhar, written in 1986 by Reformed Christians in South Africa as part of their struggle against apartheid.

Old Union's annual congregational meeting will be held after worship today. Join us to elect new officers, receive financial reports, and vote on the pastor's terms of call.

We will enjoy a fellowship dinner after the congregational meeting next week. If you are able, please bring a dish to share.

Join us in the fellowship hall after worship to pack food for the students of Longmore Academy!

We will celebrate Thank-Offering Sunday next week. Please use the envelope in your bulletin to help support Presbyterian Women mission work.

Consider including an international student from PRISM in your family Thanksgiving gathering! Call 412-683-0342 or go to [pghcommission.org/holiday-hosting](http://pghcommission.org/holiday-hosting) to learn more.

The Evans City Food Cupboard needs Christmas goodies, cookies, cakes, etc. for the month of November.

The Lighthouse Toy Drive is Nov.-Dec. 11. 0 to 16 yr. old children. Do not wrap any gift. If you don't like to shop, Gift cards are a nice option. Please give cards to a Deacon. Thank you for your generosity!

### Special Prayers of Concern:

Bonnie S.  
Louise S.  
Jim P.  
Betty L.  
Joan T.  
Howard B.  
Dolly K.  
Rose F.  
Josh H.

### Mission Co-Workers:

Bob and Kristi Rice, South Sudan

### Military:

Jeremy H.  
Matthew David M.  
Justin T.  
Scott F.  
Frank D.  
Michael S.  
Glen P.  
Will B.  
Jacob H.  
Christian C.  
Ryan W.  
Hunter M.  
Christopher H.  
Arthur B.  
Kevin E.  
Danner C.  
Daniel B.  
Spencer K.  
Alex T.

## **CONFESSION OF BELHAR**

(Excerpts)

We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ. Through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought.

This unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways. We love one another; we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another. We need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another. We suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness. We pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.

The variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the people of God.

True faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church.

We believe that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker. God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people. The church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need. The church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice.

Jesus is Lord.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.