

Pennington Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

~ February 5, 2012 ~

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

As the music begins, please quiet yourself in anticipation of the worship of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Gather Us In"

John A. Behnke

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We worship in the name of the Father

The one eternal God in whom we live and move and have our being;

And of the Son

Our crucified and risen Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom the love of God is made manifest among us;

And of the Holy Spirit,

The Counselor by whom we become the people of God and the church of Jesus Christ.

Let us worship and adore God!

*HYMN

"Gather Us In"

Sing the Faith #2236

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, but often we would rather live as individuals with our own private spirituality. You ask us to continue the work of Jesus Christ on behalf of our lonely and confused world. Yet, we let you down with our apathy, with our isolation, and with our indifference. Gracious God, have mercy on us and forgive us. Remove the obstacles that prevent us from being your agents of love in the world. Awaken our hearts to the gifts of the Holy Spirit that dwell within us for the building up of your Kingdom. (*silent confession*) Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*RESPONSE HYMN “Glory Be to the Father” Hymnal #579

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(dismissal to childcare for children through age 3 – in the nursery, room 209 or to Cherub Choir for ages 4 – Grade 1 in room 206)

*HYMN “O Thou, My Soul, Return in Peace” Hymnal #228

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Lord God, we thank you for the gift of your Word. Give us humility that we might hear your message. Prepare our hearts and lives to be strengthened and changed by it. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 116
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON I Corinthians 11:17-34

SERMON “Bringing the Body to the Table” Rev. Dr. Gordon Mikoski

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY “Jesu Son of God Most Holy” Mark Wilson
The Adult Choir

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #592)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Gracious God, we give our best, lest in gaining the world we lose life itself. As a covenant people, we seek to witness to your will and way. Help us to know more clearly what you would have us do with the wealth entrusted to our care. As we contribute to the needs of your people, we present ourselves as living sacrifices. Through Christ we pray. Amen

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP (Communicants shall partake of the bread when it is served and hold the cup so that we partake of it together. The purple cups are grape juice and the white are wine. Gluten-free bread is in the baking cup)

COMMUNION HYMN “Let Us Break Bread Together” Hymnal #513

COMMUNION PRAYER (unison)

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal and these people we give ourselves to you. Take us out as changed people, nourished by your grace. Amen

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*HYMN “May You Run and Not Be Weary” Sing the Faith #2281

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Prelude and Fugue in G major” J.S. Bach
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Worship notes: *congregation is invited to stand
Bold is to be said by congregation

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Nancy Mikoski *Pastor Emeritus:* William McQuoid
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