

Order of Worship

November 12 , 2017

9 & 10:30 o'clock

Prelude

Mark Wings, organ

***Church Bell**

(*The congregation is invited to stand)

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: God gives us one day at a time:

People: Long enough for laughter to follow any tears;

Liturgist: Deep enough for prayer and silence to dance together;

People: Time enough to help someone in need;

Liturgist: Plenty of time to notice beauty and praise the Maker;

**People: Sufficient time to build a bridge of forgiveness or tear
down a wall of resentment;**

Liturgist: The right time to embrace friends, smile at strangers, play with
children, sing praise to God.

All: Praise God for this day we are given.

***Hymn (10:30am)**

Praise the Lord

Austrian hymn

Prayer of Praise and Invocation

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Preparation and Confession

Loving God, you call us out of darkness and into your marvelous light. But we crouch in the shadows, ashamed of the wrong we have done, and of the good we have neglected to do. We have been timid disciples, afraid of putting our lives on the line for the good of your reign on earth. We conceal our true selves from one another, hiding behind the masks of our own power and competence. We allow divisions and discord to reign in our hearts, crowding you out altogether. Yet we know that discord is not your way. Reconciling God, call us back into relationship with you. Equip us for relationships of integrity—in our families, in our church community, and in the world you love. We pray in the name of Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and acknowledging our need for the love of God. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Words of Christian Greeting

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive

us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

Message from Martha Sommers

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 11:1

(Pew Bible p. 851)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Confirmation Recognition

Class of 2017

Offertory (9am)

Offertory (10:30am)

Simple gifts

arr. Aaron Copland

Tina Harrington, alto

(1900-1990)

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be; and we find ourselves in the the place that's right, it will be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed. To turn, turn, will be our delight, 'til by turning, turning, we come 'round right.

—Elder Joseph Bracket (1797-1882)

***Doxology (10:30am)**

(Hymnal, p. 572)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all God's gifts so freely bestowed upon us. For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea; for our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends; for minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve; for health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play; for the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity; for all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice; for the communion of saints, in all times and places: we thank you. Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; to him be praise and glory. Amen.

***Hymn 385 (10:30am)**

Take my life and let it be

Hendon

***Commission and Benediction**

Organ Voluntary

Improvisation

We are delighted and grateful that you have come to worship here this morning. We especially welcome those of you who are visitors. If you would like more information about PCC, please visit the Welcome Table after the service and speak with a member of the Welcoming Team. Welcomers can be identified by their special name tags.

Our Welcoming Team includes **Margaret Lum** and **Charly Taylor**.

Please join us after the service for coffee.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by **Ann and Tom Lister**
in appreciation of the **Loaves and Fishes** volunteers.

Please silence your cell phones.

This morning's greeters and ushers are **members of the Confirmation Class of 2017**. The Board of Deacons greeters are **Jim Clarkson** and **Linda McClain**. They will be available during the coffee hour to answer questions you may have about the church.

The Clara Barton Room (outside sanctuary to the right) has closed circuit viewing of the service for parents with infants and young children.

Please ask an usher for assistance if needed.

Announcements

• **Piedmont Forum with Dr. Martha Sommers:** Today at 5pm, PCC is pleased to welcome again medical missionary, and our friend, Dr. Martha Sommers. After serving for many years at hospitals in Malawi, for the past few years, Dr. Sommers has been living and working in Congo and Madagascar. She is now returning to Malawi to serve on the staff of Nkhoma Hospital. She will speak to us briefly in worship about her experiences in the mission and medical fields. Then she will go into more detail and answer questions at a Piedmont Forum that evening from 5-6:30 pm in the CE Building Chapel. For more information, contact Dr. Don Ashburn.

• **Your Pledge Matters** - Each fall, we set our focus on stewardship by receiving pledges in support of our ministries. Every member is invited to participate in a journey of reflection on gratitude and generosity. Our Sunday worship experience has featured several stewardship speakers, likely someone you know. They shared their inspirational stories with you, providing perspective on how the ministries of Piedmont Community Church have impacted them personally. Last Sunday we celebrated the official end of our stewardship campaign...but we still have yet to hear from about 90 members. If you have not yet sent in your pledge, please use the card in the pew in front of you or go

online to piedmontchurch.org to pledge. We are hoping to wrap up the campaign by Thanksgiving.

- **Confirmation Bibles** - I am proud to say that we have just finished a wonderful season of Confirmation for our 8th grade students here at PCC. During their journey they have successfully wrestled with what it is they believe and why they believe it. It is so great to hear them question, challenge, study God's word, and come to faith as defined in Hebrews 11, "Faith is being sure of what you hope for and certain of what you cannot see". Part of the class was the opportunity to give them each a new "Student Study Bible". The cost of the Bibles was approximately \$250 for the 18 confirmands. If you would like to help defray this cost with a donation, please contact Scott Kail. scott@piedmontchurch.org.

- **Operation Christmas Child** - Thanks to everyone who participated in Operation Christmas Child! There is still time to help out. If you took a shoebox home to fill, it needs to be brought back here to church by **Monday, November 13th**. You can also still donate money towards shoeboxes - this money is used to help mail the boxes, and is also used to buy supplies for the boxes. If you want to donate you can make check payable to Piedmont Community Church. Be sure to write "OCC" in the memo. You can then place your check in the offering box or mail to church, Attn Leslie. Questions? Contact Leslie (leslie@piedmontchurch.org)

- **Love's Pure Light, an Overture to Christmas.** Halloween is over and Thanksgiving fast approaches, leading immediately to the Christmas season. Amidst all the hustle-bustle give yourself a wonderful gift. Gather in the warmth of our beautiful sanctuary to enjoy the glorious music of a full concert orchestra joined by our own amazing choir. The varied program includes music composed by Steve Main. And you too will have the chance to sing carols accompanied by strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion and organ. The concert will fill your heart with true Christmas spirit and be followed by reception in the Guild Hall featuring good fellowship and a sumptuous holiday buffet of sweets, savories, wine and other beverages. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join in the evening. The concerts are **Friday, December 1st at 7:30** and **Sunday, December 3rd at 7:00**. Tickets are on sale now online through the Church website (piedmontchurch.org) or after Sunday services in the courtyard. General admission is \$40 and reserved/patron seating is \$125.

- **Serve Lunch or Dinner with CityTeam Oakland** - CityTeam Oakland is working towards an empowered, changed and new Oakland. Every day, CityTeam's dining hall serves a hot meal for breakfast, lunch and dinner to the city's poor, hopeless and homeless. Join CityTeam's staff every 1st Saturday of the month in serving lunch from 11-2pm, or dinner from 5-7pm. Recommended for ages 8 and older for lunch service and ages 12 and older for dinner service.

Upcoming dates: Dec. 2 and Jan. 6. Additional dates can also be added if interested. For additional information, please contact Selma Chin: 510-290-5732 or selmachin@yahoo.com.

• **Alternative Gift Market (AGM) - Sunday, December 3, 10 & 17 -** Make a real difference in the world this Christmas. Shop the Alternative Gift Market catalog to help alleviate the daily struggles of those in our community and abroad. The Market will be held at Piedmont Community Church after both services Sunday, December 3, 10 and 17. Your AGM catalog will arrive soon and will list the ministries selected to participate. One hundred percent of your gift will go to the ministries you choose to support.-Check, cash or credit card welcomed. Orders can also be mailed to PCC and will be available online at www.piedmontchurch.org. For more information, please contact Rev. Don Ashburn at: don@piedmontchurch.org, or 510-547-5700.

• **Adult Fellowship Christmas Party** - Sign up now to join us for our annual Adult Fellowship Christmas party, scheduled for Friday, December 8th, 6:30 pm at the beautiful Highlands Country Club, 110 Hiller Dr., Oakland. Admission will be \$5.00 per person to cover the rental. This is always a festive fellowship event, where we'll enjoy meeting new people, seeing old friends and singing a few Christmas carols to experience the Christmas spirit. You may sign up after services or call/e-mail jean@piedmontchurch.org (547-5700) to let her know if you'd like to bring ham/turkey/vegetarian main, a side dish, salad, dessert or appetizer. Bring the beverage of your choice. We have to remember not to park in their parking lot, but on the street instead. All adults are welcome!

• **MARK YOUR CALENDARS CHRISTMAS CAROLING IS COMING !** Come join us in Guild Hall Wednesday, **December 6**, at 7:45pm after the tree lighting in Piedmont Park. A wonderful evening of hot cider, great refreshments and Christmas Carols. Fun for the whole family!

• **Our annual Children's Christmas Pageant will take place on Sunday December 10th at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary.** Our children will be singing Christmas Carols and performing in Radio Station Y-U-L-E, a Christmas play about the Nativity arranged by Wayne Guidici. The Salvation Army Band will be joining us for the 47th year! This is a fun event for everyone. Please come and bring your friends and family. A great way to enjoy the Christmas season. Contact Leslie Quantz (leslie@piedmontchurch.org) with any questions.

• **Signup for the Advent Dinner** - Immediately following the Pageant on Sunday December 10th, please join us for the Advent Dinner in the Guild Hall.

• **Looking for Nursery Coordinator** - We are currently looking for a Nursery/Childcare Coordinator here at Piedmont Community Church. The job is on Sunday from about 10am to noon, caring for children ages 4 months through 3.5 years old. There will be a few evening and weekend events (TBD). For

complete job description contact Leslie Quantz (leslie@piedmontchurch.org)
Applicants must be over 18 years of age. This is a paid position. Send resume to: Director of Children's Ministries, Piedmont Community Church, 400 Highland Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94611. Or email leslie@piedmontchurch.org

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 12

9:00 am Worship service, Sanctuary
10:30 am Sunday School preK - 6, Christian Education Building
10:30 am Worship service, Sanctuary
10:30 am Nursery care, Christian Education Building
11:30 am Adult Education, Kettlewell Room
5:00 pm Piedmont Forum with Martha Sommers, Chapel
7:00 pm Rock, Youth Room

Monday, November 13

10:00 am Piedmont Gardens Bible Study
2:00 pm Needles and Hooks, Guild Parlor
4:30 pm Spiritual Formation Group, Guild Parlor
7:00 pm Board of Trustees, Guild Parlor

Tuesday, November 14

11:00 am Staff Meeting, Staff Workroom
PHS Lunch Break Rock Pizza Lunch
7:00 pm Handbells, Murdock Room
7:00 pm Small Group Bible Study

Wednesday, November 15

2:30 pm LiveWire, Youth Room
7:00 pm Chancel Choir, Lindamood Choir Room

Thursday, November 16

9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Guild Parlor
7:00 pm Walking Together, Guild Parlor

Friday, November 17

Saturday, November 18

7:30 am Men's Bible Study, Founders' Room

Sunday, November 19

9:00 am Worship service, Sanctuary
10:30 am Sunday School preK - 6, Christian Education Building
10:30 am Worship service, Sanctuary
10:30 am Nursery care, Christian Education Building
7:00 pm Rock will not meet

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 12 - Piedmont Forum with Martha Sommers

November 13 - Needles and Hooks Shared Interest Group

November 20 - Needles and Hooks Shared Interest Group

November 25 - Berkeley Men's Shelter

December 1 & 3 - Christmas Concert and Reception

December 2 - CityTeam Lunch/Dinner Volunteers

December 3, 10, 17 - Alternative Gift Market

December 6 - Christmas Caroling, following the Tree Lighting ceremony

December 8 - Adult Fellowship Christmas Party

December 10 - Christmas Pageant and Advent Dinner

CONFIRMANDS

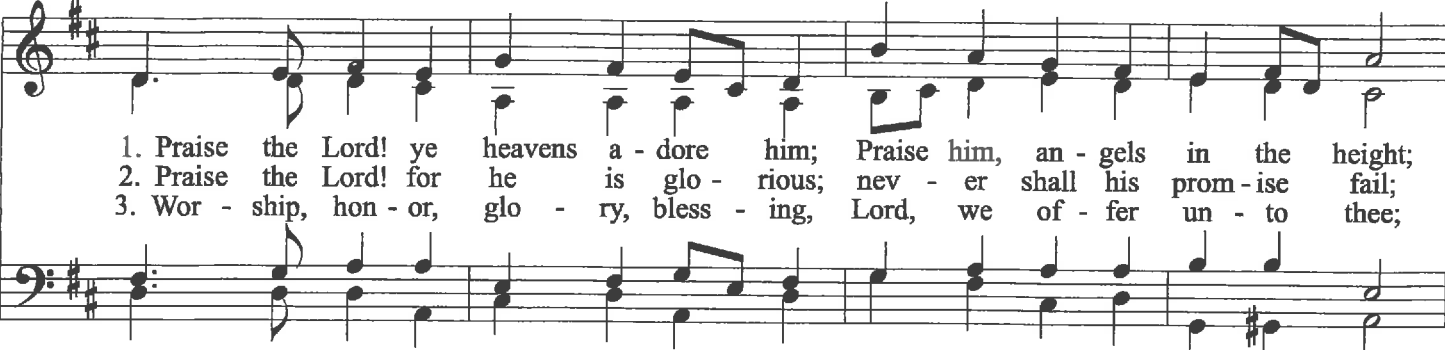
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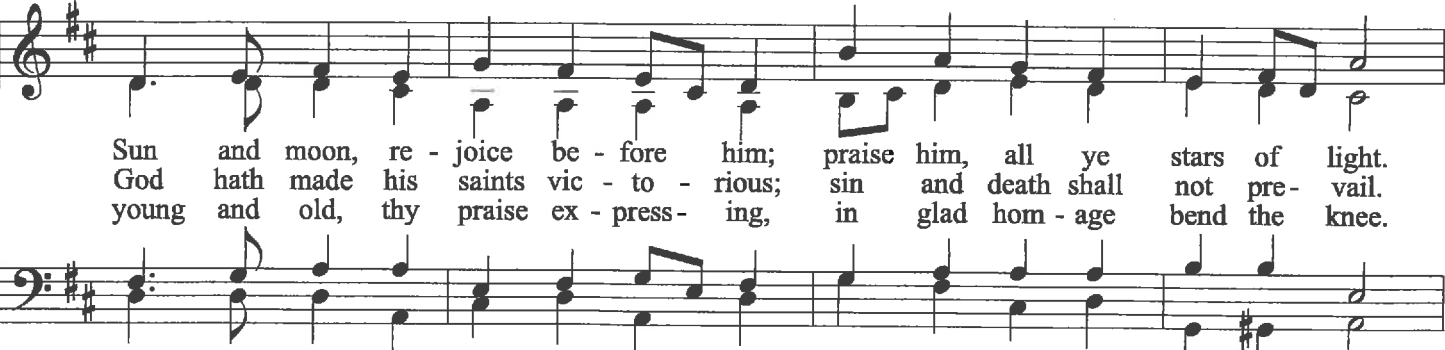
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Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore him

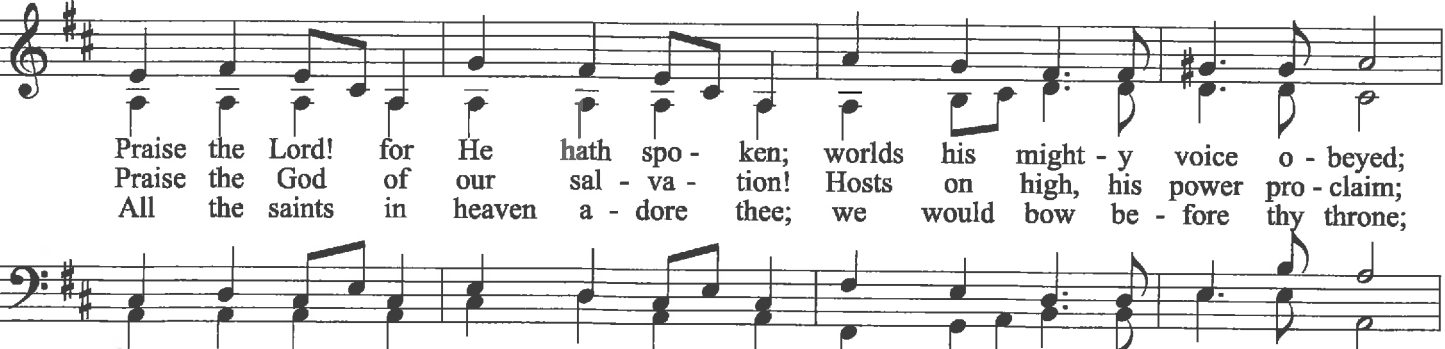
Austria



1. Praise the Lord! ye heavens a - dore him; Praise him, an - gels in the height;
 2. Praise the Lord! for he is glo - rious; nev - er shall his prom - ise fail;
 3. Wor - ship, hon - or, glo - ry, bless - ing, Lord, we of - fer un - to thee;



Sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him, all ye stars of light.
 God hath made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.
 young and old, thy praise ex - press - ing, in glad hom - age bend the knee.



Praise the Lord! for He hath spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;
 Praise the God of our sal - va - tion! Hosts on high, his power pro - claim;
 All the saints in heaven a - dore thee; we would bow be - fore thy throne;



laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance he hath made.
 Heaven and earth, and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his Name.
 as thine an - gels serve be - fore thee, so on earth thy will be done.

385 Take My Life and Let It Be

Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body . . . I Cor. 6:20

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

HENDON 77777

Henri A. César Malan, 1827

1. Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat-ed, Lord, to Thee; Take my hands and
2. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau-ti - ful for Thee; Take my voice and
3. Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes-sa - ges for Thee; Take my sil - ver
4. Take my love, my God, I pour At Thy feet its treas-ure store; Take my-self and

let them move At the im-pulse of Thy love, At the im - pulse of Thy love.
let me sing Al-ways, on - ly, for my King, Al-ways, on - ly, for my King.
and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold, Not a mite would I with-hold.
I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee, Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics written below the notes. The score includes four verses of lyrics and a final line of lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the bass line.

LIFE IN CHRIST: OBEDIENCE AND CONSECRATION