

Order of Worship

February 11, 2018

9 & 10:30 o'clock

Prelude

Improvisation

For Your Reflection

I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me
— Philippians 4:12-13

Be content with what you have;
rejoice in the way things are.
When you realize there is nothing lacking,
the whole world belongs to you.

— Lao Tzu

The greater part of our happiness or misery depends on our dispositions and not our circumstances.
— Martha Washington

Wealth consists not in having great possessions, but in having few wants.
— Epictetus

For just one second, look at your life and see how perfect it is. Stop looking for the next secret door that is going to lead you to your real life. Stop waiting. This is it; there's nothing else. It's here, and you'd better decide to enjoy it or you're going to be miserable wherever you go, for the rest of your life, forever.
— Lev Grossman, *The Magicians*

Be happy with what you have and are, be generous with both, and you won't have to hunt for happiness.
— William E. Gladstone

It isn't what you have, or who you are, or where you are, or what you are doing that makes you happy or unhappy. It is what you think about.
— Dale Carnegie

We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have.
— Frederick Keonig

***Church Bell**

(*The congregation is invited to stand)

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: We call upon your name, O Lord.

People: Make your face to shine upon us that we would be whole.

Liturgist: Great is your faithfulness to all who call upon your holy name.

People: The heavens proclaim your righteousness.

Liturgist: Who will proclaim God's deeds?

People: We bear witness to God's divine works by how we live our lives.

All: All glory, and honor and praise be yours, Holy God, forever and ever.

***Hymn 14** (10:30am)

Rejoice, ye pure in heart

Marion

Prayer of Praise and Invocation

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Preparation and Confession

Holy and gracious God, in Christ all things are made new, including us. Yet, we confess that the "old self" often has more sway than the "new self" you offer us. We are plagued by fear, worry and doubt despite our new identity as your beloved children. Anger, resentment and hatred wreak havoc in our relationships, even though you are the Prince of Peace. We are consumed with regrets, shame and guilt despite the forgiveness you freely give us. We want it to be otherwise, Lord. We want to live fully in the joy of your salvation. So we seek to be reconciled with you and with one another, through your forgiving love. May we trust in your faithfulness, and rest in your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Choral Response and Words of Assurance

Words of Christian Greeting

Children's Moment

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.

Anthem

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Trad. melody

Christa Pfeiffer, soprano

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free, in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.

For thus with joy we meet our Lord, his presence, always near, is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

—Brian Wren

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 4

(Pew Bible p. 832)

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. 2I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside

me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. 4Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

10I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. 11Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. 12I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. 13I can do all things through him who strengthens me. 14In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress. 15You Philippians indeed know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. 16For even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me help for my needs more than once. 17Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that accumulates to your account. 18I have been paid in full and have more than enough; I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. 19And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

20To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. 21Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The friends who are with me greet you. 22All the saints greet you, especially those of the emperor's household. 23The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Sermon **“DEEP JOY FOR A SHALLOW WORLD”**

Part 4 – The Secret

The Rev. Dr. William H. McNabb

Offertory (9am)

(see Anthem)

Offertory (10:30am)

Still, still with thee

John Ness Beck

Chancel Choir

(1930-1987)

Still, still with thee, when purple morning breaketh, when the bird waketh, and the shadows flee; fairer than morning, lovelier than daylight, dawns the sweet consciousness, I am with thee.

When sinks the soul, subdued by toil, to slumber, its closing eye looks up to thee in prayer; sweet the repose beneath the wings o'ershading, but sweeter still to wake and find thee there.

So shall it be at last, in that bright morning, when the soul waketh and life's shadows flee; O in that hour, fairer than daylight dawning, shall rise the glorious thought, I am with thee.

—Harriet Beecher Stowe (1812-1896)

***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**

Merciful God, in gratitude for the work of Jesus Christ and for the gift of the Holy Spirit, we gladly offer ourselves and our gifts to you. We pray that you will transform these gifts into signs of welcome for all who are touched by them. And transform us, as well, into people who bless others through each day of our lives. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

Be thou my vision

Slane

***Commission and Benediction**

Organ Voluntary

Ciacona in C major

Dietrich Buxtehude

(1634-1707)

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 **Bob & Carol Leslie**.

Please join us after the service for coffee.

Please silence your cell phones.

This morning's greeters and ushers are **members of Boy Scout Troops 1 and 11**. 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

NEW MEMBER CLASS TODAY & FEBRUARY 13

If you are new to Piedmont Community Church and would like to know more about how to connect to the community here, you are invited to attend a gathering in Guild Parlor we call "Come and See." Today, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. Duplicate gathering held Tuesday, February 13, 7 - 8 pm. Attend only 1. Refreshments will be provided. Care is available for children 10 and under. RSVP to Dr. Don Ashburn at Don@PiedmontChurch.org or (510) 547-5700 ext. 105. Private meetings with Dr. Ashburn also available.

LENTEN GATHERINGS

This March, join Dr. Don Ashburn for 4 weeks of prayer and conversation, based on Adam Hamilton's best-selling book, 24 Hours That Changed the World. Purchase and bring a copy of the book to the first meeting. Thursday evenings; March 1, 8, 15 and 22, from 7 - 8:30 pm in the Christian Education Building Chapel. Contact Dr. Ashburn at Don@PiedmontChurch.org

THE TREASURES SALE DONATIONS NEEDED

Accepting donations March 3-7. Leave your donations at the church Saturday and Sunday, 9 am - 2 pm, or Monday - Wednesday, 9 am - 7 pm. No donations accepted after Wednesday. See PiedmontChurch.org for a list of items needed.

ASH WEDNESDAY DINNER

Accepting reservations for a dinner provided by Loaves and Fishes, held Wednesday, February 14 in Guild Hall, 6:15 pm. This event precedes the Ash Wednesday service, which begins at 7:30 pm. Adults 18 and older, \$20. Children 10 to 17, \$5. Macaroni and cheese meal provided free to children under 10. Sign up following Sunday services, or contact Jean Leahy at (510) 547-5700 or Jean@PiedmontChurch.org

IMANI - PIEDMONT CHOIR CONCERT

Save the date to spend time with our sister church at Imani Community Church, 3300 MacArthur Blvd. 94602, on Sunday, March 4, 4 pm. Both choirs will perform during this hour-long celebration of community.

PROJECT PEACE COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Project Peace brings together local faith-based organizations and nonprofits to serve our community. Volunteer Saturday, February 24, 9 am - 12 noon. Opportunities include Neonatal ICU hat knitting for Children's Hospital, Berkeley Women's Shelter, CityTeam Oakland, Harbor House Oakland,

Piedmont Avenue Elementary School and YEAH. Contact Selma Chin at (510) 290-5732 or selmachin@yahoo.com. Visit projectpeaceeastbay.org

AFRICA MISSION MEETING

Thursday, February 15 at 6:30 pm in the Youth Room, we are holding an informational meeting for all students and their parents interested in our Student Ministry mission trip to Africa this coming June. Contact and RSVP to Rev. Scott Kail at Scott@PiedmontChurch.com

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP PIZZA PARTY

Children's Sunday School will be having pizza after 10:30 am services Sunday, February 25 in the Christian Education Building. Contact Leslie@PiedmontChurch.org

VOLUNTEER SEAMSTRESSES AND TAILORS

Sew simple curtains for the Mexico Mission trip. All straight seams. Fabric and instructions are provided. Curtains must be completed by Sunday, March 25. Fabric donations also appreciated. Two 1-yard by 1-yard panels for each curtain. Contact Ann Lin at (510) 914-3344 or annlin@pacbell.net to sew or donate.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Kidz Club is sponsoring a Lenten Food Drive for the Alameda County Community Food Bank (ACCFB) February 14 through April 1. Look for food donation barrels in the Christian Education Building and by Guild Hall. We are also participating in their Virtual Food Drive program. Visit accfb.org, click on "give" go to Virtual Food Drive, click on "find your group." (Piedmont Church). Contact Leslie at Leslie@PiedmontChurch.org

SERVICE WITH TINY TIME COMMITMENTS

Many of our volunteer activities take minimal time and effort and are great ways to get to know folks at the church in small settings.

- Usher or greet at the 10:30 am service (simple training sessions available). Check your calendar and sign up after church

- Help to set up for church dinners (next one is February 14). Contact Jay Foreman – jayforeman777@yahoo.com

- Help in the kitchen with our volunteer cooking crew, Loaves and Fishes (February 14).

Contact Steve Wuebbens – sawuebbens@gmail.com

- Provide a meal through our Food Angels for a member going through a difficult time.

Contact Linda Rice – ljrice@sbcglobal.net

- Spend a few hours at a church work day (next one March 24).

Contact Lynn Nelson – lnelson480@gmail.com

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 11

9:00 am Worship service, Sanctuary
10:30 am Sunday School preK - 12, Christian Education Building
10:30 am Worship service, Sanctuary
10:30 am Nursery care, Christian Education Building
11:30 am New Member Gathering, Guild Parlor
7:00 pm Mexico Rock, Guild Hall

Monday, February 12

10:00 am Piedmont Gardens Bible Study
4:30 pm Spiritual Formation Group, Guild Parlor
6:30 pm Marvel Movie Mondays, Youth Room
7:00 pm Board of Trustees, Guild Parlor

Tuesday, February 13

11:00 am Staff Meeting, Staff Workroom
PHS Lunch Break Rock Pizza Lunch
6:30 pm Handbells, Clara Barton Room
7:00 pm Small Group Bible Study
7:00 pm New Member Gathering, Guild Parlor

Wednesday, February 14

2:30 pm LiveWire, Youth Room
6:15 pm Ash Wednesday Dinner, Guild Hall
7:30 pm Ash Wednesday service, Sanctuary
7:30 pm Chancel Choir, Lindamood Choir Room

Thursday, February 15

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

Friday, February 16

Saturday, February 17

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

Sunday, February 18

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

Upcoming Events:

February 14 - Ash Wednesday dinner & worship service
February 24 - Memorial for Carl Moore, 2pm
February 24 - Berkeley Men's Shelter Volunteers
February 25 - Family Fellowship Pizza

14 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous . . . , Psa. 33:1

Edward H. Plumptre, 1865

MARION S.M. Ref.
Arthur H. Messiter, 1883

1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart, Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
2. Bright youth and snow-crowned age, Strong men and maid - ens fair,
3. With all the an - gel choirs, With all the saints on earth,
4. Yes, on through life's long path, Still chant - ing as ye go;
5. Still lift your stand - ard high, Still march in firm ar - ray;

Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.
Raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song, God's won - drous praise de - clare.
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth!
From youth to age, by night and day, In glad - ness and in woe.
As war - riors through the dark - ness toil Till dawns the gold - en day.

Refrain

Re - joice, re - joice, Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! A-men.
Re - joice, re - joice,

Be Thou My Vision

Slane



1. Be thou my vis - ion, O Lord of my heart; _____
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; _____
 3. Rich - es I _____ heed not, nor _____ man's emp - ty praise, _____
 4. High King of _____ hea - ven, my _____ vic - to - ry won, _____



naught be all else to me, save that thou art; _____
 I ev - er with thee, and thou with me Lord; _____
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways; _____
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! _____



thou my best thought, _____ by day or by night, _____
 thou my great Fa - - - ther, I thy true son, _____
 thou and thou on - - - ly, first in my heart, _____
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be fall, _____



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy _____ pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and _____ I with thee one.
 high King of heav - en, my _____ treas - ure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O _____ Ru - ler of all.



YOUTH MEXICO SERVICE TRIP
TREASURES SALE
DONATIONS NEEDED!

March 3 - 7

DONATION INFO:

WHAT: *Must be Clean, Gently Used, & Working*

Antiques, Artwork, Belts, Bikes, Books, China, Crystal, CDs, Collectibles, Dishes, DVDs, Furniture, Games, Garden Supplies, Hats, Holiday Items, Housewares, Jewelry, Lamps, Linens, LPs, Luggage, Musical Instruments, New Items, Pet Supplies, Purses, Puzzles, Rugs, Scarves, Silver, Small Appliances, Sports Equipment, Stereo Equipment, Throw Pillows, Tools, Toys, Flat Screen TVs only

WHAT NOT: Clothing, Computers & Equipment, Ski Equipment, Mattresses, Bed Pillows, Large Appliances, Extra Large Furniture, Harlequin Novels/Condensed Books, Magazines, VHS Tapes, Car Seats, Cribs, Large Exercise Equipment

WHERE: Piedmont Community Church Guild Hall, 400 Highland Ave.

WHEN to DONATE: March 3-7 Sat. & Sun. 9-2, Mon-Wed. 9-7
NO DONATIONS AFTER WEDNESDAY!!

HOW: Limited Pick Ups by Appointment ONLY. Call 547-5700 and leave a message for Scott Kail's interns.

Treasures Sale March 10, 9-3 and March 11, 9-2



PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH
HUGE, ANNUAL
TREASURES SALE

BENEFITS YOUTH HOUSE BUILDING TRIP TO MEXICO

OVER 300 FAMILIES, THOUSANDS OF ITEMS

SATURDAY, MARCH 10 9AM-3PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 11 9AM-2PM

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VINTAGE, FURNITURE, BOOKS, LINENS,
HOUSEWARES, TOYS, JEWELRY, CHINA, SILVER,
CRAFTS, HOLIDAY, SPORTS, PURSES, BIKES, ART,
GARDEN & MUCH MORE!

NO STROLLERS OR PETS. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BAGS