

Order of Worship for Presbyterian Church of the Moriches

November 21, 2021

10:30AM

PRELUDE by Michele Garzo, Pianist/Organist/Choir Director

Again Jesus is questioned about His authority. Whence came the right to do what He did? What special insight enabled Him to utter profound teachings? What source did He tap to perform healing deeds? Today it may be easier to answer such questions, but it is still as difficult to believe in His authority. Otherwise, why do some doubt Him, deny Him, and distrust Him? Is He, or is He not, the Savior?

Welcome and Announcements

INTROIT by Choir & Michele Garzo, Pianist/Organist/Choir Director

~Sanctuary's Baptismal Font: Re-Affirmation of our Baptismal Vows~

Gathering

We gather as a community of faith to meet God in a new way, and we reflect on the hope and promise of God's gift to us through Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Leader: The Lord has said, "Zion is my resting place forever; for I have desired it.

PEOPLE: I WILL ABUNDANTLY BLESS ITS PROVISIONS; I WILL SATISFY ITS POOR WITH BREAD.

Leader: "It's Priests I will celebrate with Salvation, and its faithful will shout with joy

PEOPLE: 'THERE I WILL CAUSE A HORN TO SPROUT UP FOR DAVID, A LAMP FOR MY ANOINTED ONE.'

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul; all that is within me, let us bless God's Holy Name in Worship!

* Prayer of Invocation: (Unison)

O GOD OF ENDURING COMPASSION AND MERCY, YOUR DOMINION IS UNENDING, YOUR JUDGMENT FORTHRIGHT. WE LIVE BY YOUR GRACE, ASSURED OF YOUR LOVE. WE PRAISE YOU FOR JESUS, WHO TAUGHT HOW TO HONOR YOU; WE ARE AWED BY YOUR SPIRIT, WHO GUIDES AND SUSTAINS US. WE COME INTO YOUR PRESENCE TO LEARN YOUR WILL FOR US, TO WORSHIP AND ADORE YOU AS WE ABIDE IN YOUR REALM. **AMEN.**

* Hymn #142 B "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name "

Prayer of Confession (UNISON):

O GOD OF MERCY, WOE BE UPON US, FOR WE DO NOT OBEY YOU. WE CONFESS ONE BAPTISM, YET WE FOSTER DIVISION IN CHRIST'S BODY. WE OBSERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER BUT WORK NOT FOR CHRIST'S PEACE. WE CONFESS OUR RELUCTANCE TO EXTEND YOUR FAVOR TO THOSE WE DON'T LIKE. FORGIVE AND RESTORE US FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST. YOU ARE A GOD OF DOMINION; WE LIVE BY YOUR GRACE ALONE.

Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)

Leader: When Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God.

PEOPLE: IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

Leader: For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are Sanctified.

PEOPLE: IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

Leader: And the Holy Spirit adds, "I will remember their sins and the lawless deeds no more."

PEOPLE: IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

Leader: Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

PEOPLE: IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

Kyrie #573 Lord Have Mercy

* Gloria Patri

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

We Hear God's Word

We hear the stories of our faith in Scripture, song, prayer, and sermon and respond with an affirmation of our faith.

Youth Message for Young-at-Heart

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: Psalm 132:1-12

* Hymn #151 B "Crown Him with Many Crowns "

Second Reading: John 18: 33-37

Meditation "What is Truth?" Pastor Mark Applewhite

We Respond to God's Word

Inspired by the promise of this season, let us give our thanks and praise - so we may continue God's work throughout the year.(+)

* Affirmation of Faith: (Unison) adapted from the Belhar Confession

In a world full of injustice and enmity, we believe that God is in a special way the God of the destitute, bringing justice to the oppressed, giving bread to the hungry, freeing the prisoner and restoring sight to the blind, supporting the downtrodden, and protecting the stranger. We also believe that God wishes to teach the Church to do what is good and to seek the right, and therefore that the Church must stand where the Lord stands, by people in any form of suffering and need, and that the Church must therefore witness and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the Church is called to confess and to do all these things. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayers of the People, a Moment of Silence from those listed by Church Diaconate

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

Invitation to Share our Tithes and Offerings

Anthem by Michele Garzo, Pianist/Organist/Choir Director

*Doxology #592B (Old Hundredth)

Prayer of Dedication (UNISON):

SOURCE OF DELIVERANCE AND HOPE, YOU INVITE US TO LIVE EVERMORE IN YOUR FAVOR. WE OFFER OURSELVES TO YOU IN RESPONSE TO CHRIST'S CALL. OUT OF THE ABUNDANCE OF YOUR LOVE, WE OFFER GIFTS TO YOU. FROM THE STOREHOUSE OF OUR MERCY WE BRING YOUR TREASURES. ACCEPT THE GLEANINGS OF OUR LABOR AS WE LAY THEM BEFORE YOU. TO YOU BELONG THE GLORY AND DOMINION FOREVER AND EVER. **AMEN.**

The Sending

Renewed and refreshed by our experience with God and God's congregation, we go into the world to share God's love.

* Hymn #155 B "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Response

* Hymn #111B Good Christians All, Rejoice

POSTLUDE by Michele Garzo, Pianist/Organist/Choir Director

+Annual **DECEMBER'S "CHURCH LEADERS" GATHERING** will be held at Ursula Thiele's home December 11th, Saturday 6pm. See Ursula for details.

+ADVENT READERS: 11/28-1) **HOPE CANDLE**, Heather Penny & Family, 12/5-2) **PEACE CANDLE**, Dawn Viggiano & Family, 12/12-3) **JOY CANDLE**, Larry Murdock & Family, 12/19- 4) **LOVE CANDLE**, Rachele & Tommy's Family.

+Back by popular demand, Dawn (Jeffrey) Viggiano is leading **Presbyterian Church (USA)** of the Moriches' "Pop Up Pageant " December 12th. All Youth, Children, Kids are "popping up" for our Church's Sunday Christmas Pageant Sunday 12/12 for this year's 10:30am Worship. That Sunday, Sheri-Lea Schultz, also, is bringing Patrick & Sheri-Lea's 3 children; Sheri-Lea is joining as **Associate Member**. Isla Stone Shultz, newborn child of Patrick & Sheri-Lea, is presently scheduled for Baptism, January 9th, next year! Congratulations on helping our Church **bring-in-the-New Year!**

+3 Kings/Baptism of the Lord/Epiphany Sunday is January 9th 2022: Bob Mitterando, Garry Lester & Bill Phillips are sharing their Gifts for the Christ Child 1/9/22.

+**NEXT YEAR'S ANNUAL MEETING** is by ZOOM Sunday, February 6, 2022 1pm. Committee Reports are needed for our Clerk of Session, Ursula Thiele. Thank you for practicing our Church's Vision that "glorifies God and Enjoys God, forever." AMEN.