

First Presbyterian Church of Monroe
25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 14, 2021



“A Long Walk to the Fire”

GATHERING

WELCOME

Elder Jennifer Hueston

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

Jeff Haman

Let our hearts exult in the Lord;

our strength is exalted in God.

Let our mouths be ever fixed in praise;

God has given us the victory.

There is no Holy One like the Lord;

there is no Rock like our God.

Praise the Lord!

OPENING HYMN

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

GTG 35

GATHERING PRAYER

Jeff Haman

Merciful God,

you hear our cries and honor our tears.

Stir in us such a passion during worship

that we might vow to give our best,

for the glory of your name. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Jennifer Hueston

Trusting in the grace of God,

let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder Jennifer Hueston

O God, who is faithful and just,

we have failed to help those who have little

while we have much.

We are boastful and haughty,

and fail to appreciate the gifts you have given.

Our arrogance has led us away from your righteous way.

Forgive us, Merciful God,

and lead us to a humble path, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Elder Jennifer Hueston

People of God,
Jesus Christ, who gave himself once and for all,
forgives and saves.
Therefore, be reconciled to one another,
holding fast to the confession of our hope,
through Christ our Lord.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jeff Haman

SUNG RESPONSE

“Spirit of the Living God”

GTG 288

A STORY FOR ALL AGES *(a time for children young in years or young at heart)*

Tom Bajkiewicz

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jeff Haman

Almighty God,
speak your Word to us,
and guide our feet,
that we might be hearers and doers of your word. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

Proverbs 3:5-18

Jeff Haman

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Jeff Haman

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:

Mark 13:1-8

Elder Jennifer Hueston

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Elder Jennifer Hueston

MEDITATIVE MUSIC

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—The Apostles' Creed

Jeff Haman

Unison: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN

“Take My Life”

GTG 697

OFFERING

Jeff Haman

People of God,
the Lord has given us so much.
Let us praise the Lord through our gifts
for the uplifting of God's kingdom.

DOXOLOGY

GTG 606

OFFERATORY PRAYER

Jeff Haman

Dear God,
we offer these gifts back to you.
Multiply them so that they might help
build up your kingdom on earth.
All glory, praise, and honor are due to you,
now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Elder Jennifer Hueston

God, in your mercy
you hear our cries
and know the hidden desires of our hearts.
You answer prayer.
We come to you, gracious Lord,
praying for ourselves and our community.

We pray for the witness of the church,
that we might live the gospel.

We pray for the global community,
that we might learn from each other and live in peace.

We pray for the needs in our local community
for we know that you, O God, are our provider.

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit;
make us agents of your healing power.

We remember those who have died;
help us to comfort those who grieve.

We lift up to you the silent prayers we hold in our hearts and minds.

We ask all these things for the glory and honor of your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Elder Jennifer Hueston

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SENDING

HYMN

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

GTG 835

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Elder Jennifer Hueston

Beloved, be encouraged in the Lord,
and do not be led astray.
Stand firm in the witness of the gospel
and do good deeds,
all for the glory of God.

May the Lord continue to bless and keep you,
this day and forevermore.

POSTLUDE

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Evening Prayer
November 14-November 20

Dear God,
thank you for keeping me throughout the day.
Grant me a night of peaceful rest,
and put a song of praise in my heart when I wake in the morning.
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

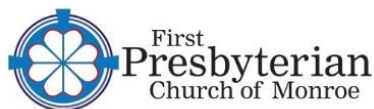


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