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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 15th, 2026 25th Sunday After Pentecost/Proper 28 11:00 am

(*) You're invited to stand as you are able.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *As the Deer* arr. David Nevue

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Caitlin Culp

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)*

One: Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

All: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: We are God's people, creative and generous, made in the image of our creative and generous God.

All: This is the world that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: Come, let us worship God!

All: We rejoice! We create! We are generous!

***OPENING HYMN** #301 *Let Us Build a House*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Responsive)*

Gracious God, you shower us with countless blessings, yet we so often struggle to share them with others. You have been abundantly generous to us, gifting us life, grace, and all that we need for our journey. Yet we still live with a scarcity mindset. We confess that we grasp tightly to what we have. We look for maximum benefit and minimum sacrifice. We turn inward, guarding our resources, our time, and our love. We forget that every good gift comes from your hands. Forgive us, Lord. Heal our stinginess and free us from our greed. By your Holy Spirit, shape our hearts into a posture of deep gratitude. Open our hands to give freely. Empower us to reflect your boundless love to a hurting world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Silent prayer…*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE** #582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

One: May the love and peace of Christ be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

ANTHEM *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* arr. Albert Mendoza

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Joan McDermott

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 133 Joan McDermott

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN Kent Hamaker

SECOND SCRIPTURE Colossians 3:12-17 Rev. Caitlin Culp

SERMON Rev. Caitlin Culp

***HYMN** #306 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(Unison)* adapted from Psalm 92:1-4

It is good to praise you, Lord, and to sing to your name, O God, on high, proclaiming each morning you are faithful, each evening that we can trust you, using ten-stringed lyre and harp, using sounds of music. Lord, you have made us delight in your actions; we celebrate what your hands have done. How great are your deeds, O Lord!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer requests are listed in the bulletin. You're invited to share prayer requests aloud.

EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

You may write a check, place cash in the offering plate, or give online with the QR code.

***DOXOLOGY #607** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION OF 2027 PLEDGE CARDS**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** #724 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* arr. Albert Mendoza

Thank you for sharing in this time of worship with us. Today's Usher is Lourdes Gonzalez. The liturgist is Joan McDermott. Coffee Hour is hosted by the Tribles and the Finance Team. The worship service is recorded and available on YouTube and the church's website. "Chorus of Generosity" is from SALT, https://www.saltproject.org/.

Large print hymn books, individual seat cushions, and children's activity packets are available from the usher at the entrance. Children of all ages are welcome to stay in the sanctuary for all parts of the worship service.

Bathrooms are located outside of the sanctuary to the right, through the narthex, and up the small set of stairs in the foyer. A diaper changing station is in the Sunday School Room, which is off the front of the sanctuary. An ADA-accessible bathroom is located in the fellowship hall. To access the fellowship hall, drive around to the parking lot and enter through the double doors.

PRAYER LIST

Birthdays **Teres** **Ms. Ana Maria** from CWP **Debbie** **Travel mercies**

The **family and friends of Lola Rogers** as they grieve her death **Dick & Dolores**

Victims of shootings & executions **Diane** **Greg**

Victims of hurricanes & other disasters **Othow and his ministry in South Sudan**

Those with new diagnoses. Those in the midst of transitions. Our country's leaders.

Peace in the Middle East; for **cessation of hostilities between Israel, Iran, & USA.**

**If you have prayer requests you'd like added to this list, email covenantpastorpcusa@gmail.com. Prayers remain on this list for two weeks unless we hear otherwise.*

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun, Nov 15, 11:00am - Worship and Coffee Hour celebrating Covenant's Chorus of Generosity - **bring your 2027 pledge cards with you!**

Wed, Nov 18, by EOB - Covenant Call articles due

Thurs, Nov 19, 7:30pm - Reflect on the 40 Days of Prayer w/us via Zoom

Sun, Nov 22, 11:00am - Field Trip to Worship at Arlington Presbyterian Church

*We'll worship in the space that Arlington Presbyterian leases from Gilliam Place, who bought Arlington Presbyterian's former property. Arlington Presbyterian Church (APC) is located on the ground floor of the Gilliam Place Apartments, at **918 S. Lincoln Street, Suite 1** in the Alcova Heights neighborhood of South Arlington.*

***Garage Parking:** Gilliam Place has an underground parking garage. The driveway for the garage is located halfway down Lincoln Street. Retail and open parking is located on the entry level when you turn into the garage. Walk up the ramp and you will see signs for APC.*

***Street Parking:** Street parking is available along Lincoln Street.*

***Parking Lot:** Parking spots for Sunday morning in the Bank of America parking lot across the street from APC.*

Sun, Nov 29, 11:00am - 1st Sunday of Advent Worship & Hanging of the Greens after worship

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesdays, 10:00am **- Bible Study on the Wisdom of Solomon,** via Zoom **(No class on Nov. 17)**

Wednesdays, 10:30am **- Choir Rehearsal,** Sanctuary

Thursdays, 12:00pm **- Devotional Time,** via Zoom