

Round Hill Presbyterian Church

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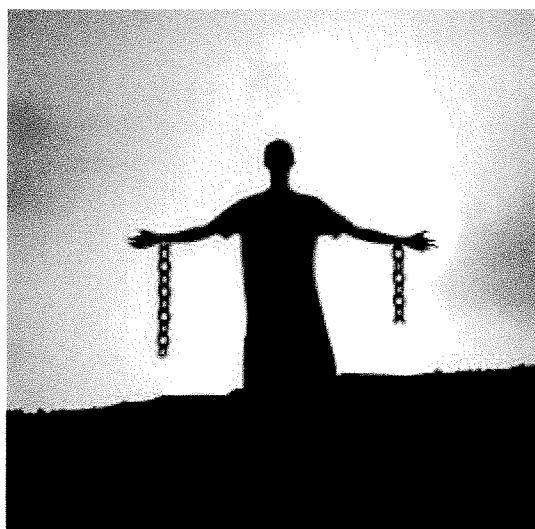
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November 22, 2020

Verse for Meditation:

Psalm 62:11

“Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God...”

WELCOME

* INVOCATION

Pr. Matt Stith

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

(Now follows a brief time for silent, personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* PRAISE: *“Gloria Patri”*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end, Amen, Amen.

* RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READINGPsalm 29

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

People: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Leader: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

People: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

Leader: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

People: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, “Glory!”

Leader: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

People: May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

* GREETING - PASSING THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.....1 Chronicles 29:10-13

¹⁰ Then David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly; David said: “Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever. ¹¹ Yours, O LORD, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. ¹² Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³ And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.....Acts 12:1-24

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ² He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. ³ After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) ⁴ When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. ⁵ While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

⁶ The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. ⁷ Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, “Get up quickly.” And the chains fell off his wrists. ⁸ The angel said to him, “Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.” He did so. Then he said to him, “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.” ⁹ Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel’s help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹ Then Peter came to himself and said, “Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.”

¹² As soon as he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many had gathered and were praying. ¹³ When he knocked at the outer gate, a maid named Rhoda came to answer. ¹⁴ On recognizing Peter’s voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the gate, she ran in and announced that Peter was standing at the gate. ¹⁵ They said to her, “You are out of your mind!” But she insisted that it was so. They said, “It is his angel.” ¹⁶ Meanwhile Peter continued knocking; and when they opened the gate, they saw him and were amazed. ¹⁷ He motioned to them with his hand to be silent, and described for them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he added, “Tell this to James and to the believers.” Then he left and went to another place.

¹⁸ When morning came, there was no small commotion among the soldiers over what had become of Peter. ¹⁹ When Herod had searched for him and could not find him, he examined the guards and ordered them to be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and stayed there. ²⁰ Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon. So they came to him in a body; and after winning over Blastus, the king's chamberlain, they asked for a reconciliation, because their country depended on the king's country for food. ²¹ On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat on the platform, and delivered a public address to them. ²² The people kept shouting, "The voice of a god, and not of a mortal!" ²³ And immediately, because he had not given the glory to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died. ²⁴ But the word of God continued to advance and gain adherents.

SERMON

"Church and State, Part 1: Power"

Pr. Matt Stith

* Confession of Faith: Westminster Confession of Faith, chapter 23

God, the supreme Lord and King of the whole world, has ordained civil authorities to be over people under him for his own glory and the public good. For this purpose he has armed civil authorities with the power of the sword to defend and encourage those who are good and to punish wrongdoers.

* APOSTLES' CREED

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; on 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.

* HYMN: *"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

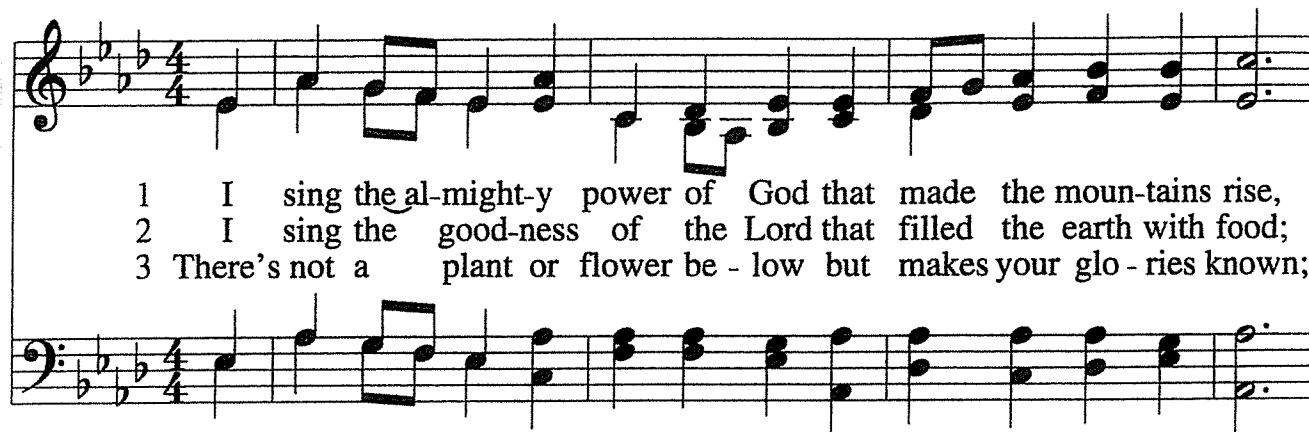
OFFERING OF SELF AND SERVICE

* Doxology:

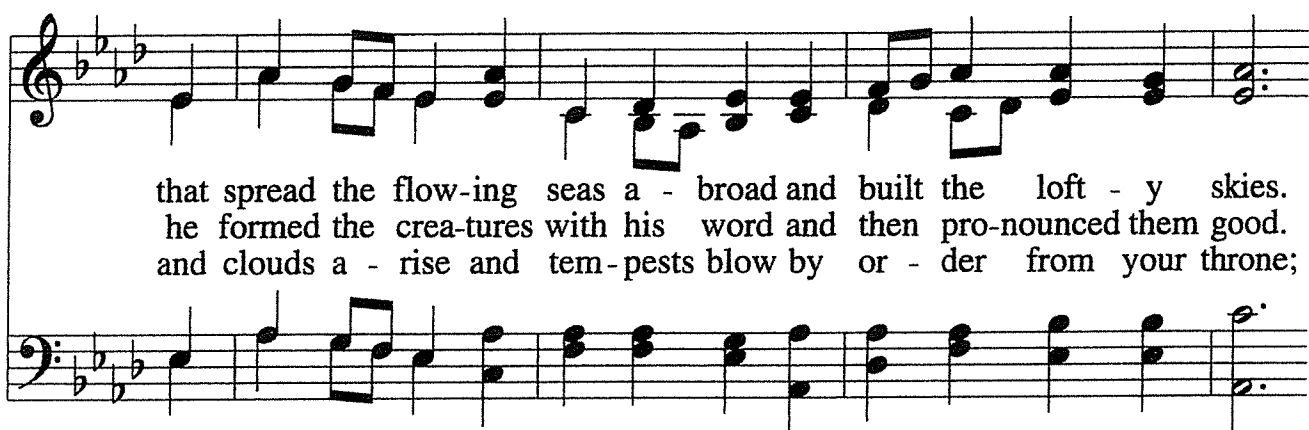
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

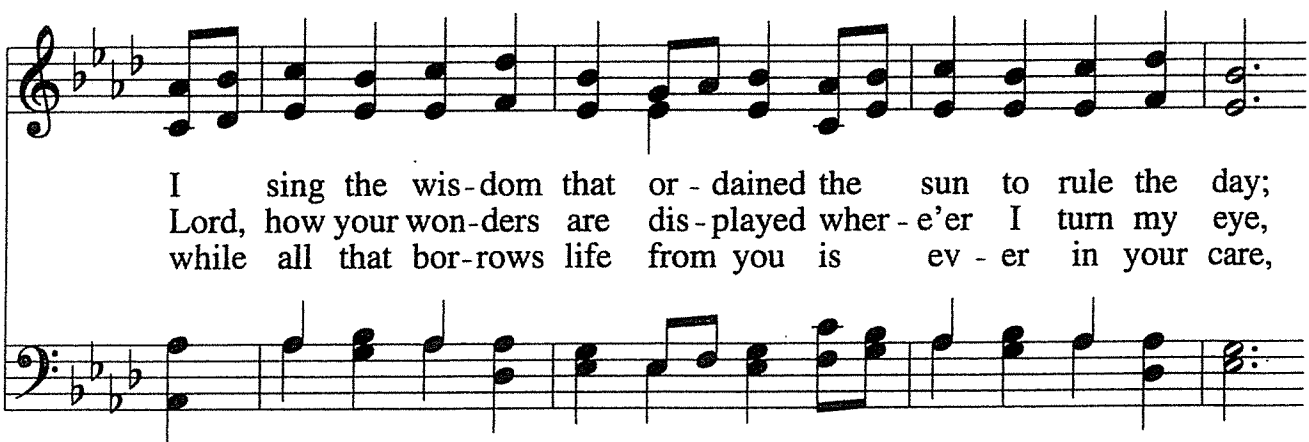
31 I Sing the Almighty Power of God



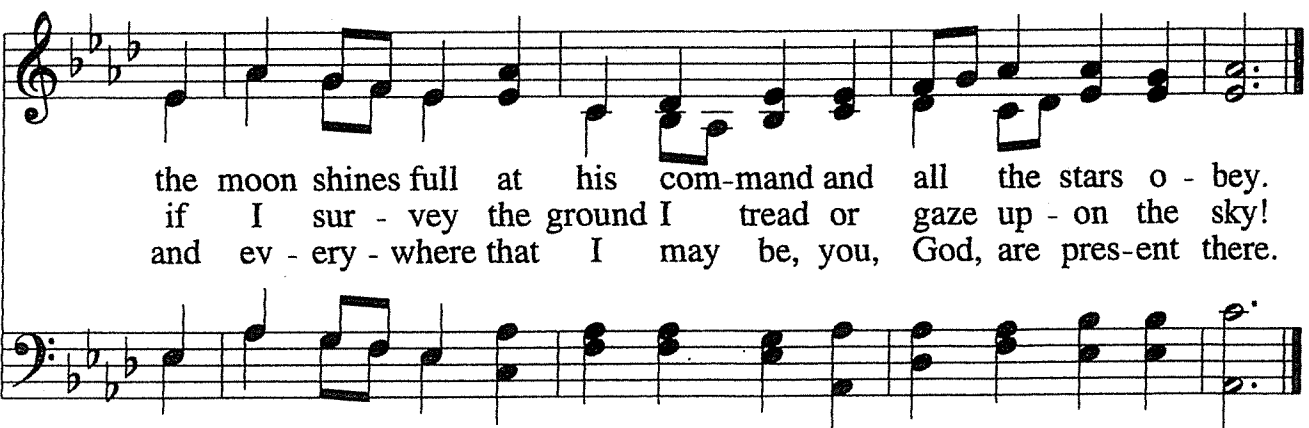
1 I sing the al-might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes your glo - ries known;



that spread the flow-ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his word and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise and tem-pests blow by or - der from your throne;



I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how your won-ders are dis-played wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor-rows life from you is ev - er in your care,



the moon shines full at his com-mand and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery - where that I may be, you, God, are pres-ent there.



November 22, 2020

Intercessory Prayer Group - gathers in the C.E. building on Tuesday at 10:00 AM; open to all. We are praying for weekly prayer requests along with other concerns as led by God's Spirit.

Prayer Requests: Email dreamstogo2@gmail.com or fill in a prayer request form and place it in the offering plate. **Prayer requests for the following were received this past week; please include them in your prayers:**

Baby Caleb, Rachel Cassidy, Carol Licht, Zane Navrotski, Zoe Pardoe, Ben Ritter, Glen Wagner

On-Going Requests: Alimjan, Neal Beveridge, Kim Bleichner, Barb Cant, Elfriede Christ, Michelle & Carly Craig, Flocker family, Lori Fritz, Tyler Gilpin, Larry Kalcevic, Mary Kass, Shawn King, Yvonne Leggett, Berl Lewis, Weston McConnell, Leah Meyer, Nan Neff, Mark Neuherz, Mary Riggelman, Tom Russell, Ed & Madelyn Ryan, Trystyn Skrinjorich, Trish Ten, Helen Wagner, Linda Way, Rita Werner, Sally Wilhelm, Crystal Williams & family, Sue Yacura, our Home Church, Round Hill Leaders, our Pastor & Support Staff, Growth of the congregation of Round Hill Church, Children & Teens at Round Hill, New Life Options, Young Life, President Trump & Governing Leaders

Military: Aaron Baumann, Ben Christenson, Philip Damer, Jeremy Ferrence, Blake Flocker, Matthew Hobaugh, Geoff Horvath, Jason Lere, Kevin Manley, CC Dixon-McGrew, Madison McGrew, Michael Pasini, Noah Reed, Joram Stith, Carter Williams, and all those serving in the Armed Services

College Students: Kate Baron, Ashley Russell, Jenna Sproul, Joram Stith

Prayers for POA Churches: Mt. Perry Presbyterian (Rev. Burbridge)

Prayers for EPC Missionaries: Tim & Karen (USA & Muslim World)

Always pray and never give up. – Luke 18:1



ANNOUNCEMENTS – NOVEMBER 22, 2020

CLOTHES CLOSET CHRISTMAS STORE

Sadly, cancelled due to an increase in coronavirus cases.

CALENDAR COLLECTION

Marilyn Christenson is collecting 2021 calendars for Food Pantry scheduling. If you have any extra 2021 calendars, please drop them off on the table in the narthex or hand them to Marilyn.

COOKIE CAMPAIGN

Lifespan Meals on Wheels is hosting its 11th Annual Holiday Sweet Treats Cookie Campaign. 450 Dozen cookies are needed in order to distribute ½ dozen cookies to brighten seniors during this holiday season. Simply donate 2-3 dozen homemade cookies by Friday, December 11, 2020. Cookies will be picked up: call 412-464-1300 and ask for Judy to make arrangements for a pickup by one of their staff.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 pm

Christmas Day – 10:00 a.m.



SEPTEMBER 2020			
Fund	Monthly Income	Monthly Expenses	Fund Balance Available for Use
General Funds	\$11,501.27	\$5,684.87	\$9,975.04
Dedicated Funds	\$2,395.00	\$6,770.00	\$25,285.47

Happy Thanksgiving