

New Covenant Presbyterian Church

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10:00am Service



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Call to Worship: Psalm 67:1-4

L: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.

P: That your way may be known upon earth your saving power among all nations.

L: Let the peoples praise you O God; let all the peoples praise you.

P: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.

Hymn: #487

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Prayer of Confession:

O Life that surges through all living things and is their Source, we confess that we have often closed ourselves off and prevented the river flow of life through us. We have lost touch with the unique worth of the life each of us has to live. Our eyes fail to perceive beauty in people and in the world. Open our eyes, that we may walk in newness of life through One who is the Resurrection and the Life. And now, holy God, we turn to you in silent prayer to share our concerns and to seek your forgiveness.....Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

L: There is no greater joy in the heart of God than the moment when a son or daughter opens to the gift of forgiveness. God’s Spirit reaches out to assure us of welcome in Christ.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are God’s by grace. With great joy we are made alive.

Thanks be to God. Amen

First Lesson: Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountains- where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot slip- he who watches over you will not slumber;
Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The lord watches over you- the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all harm- he will watch over your life;
The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: 1 Samuel 1: 1-20

1 There was a certain man from Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. 2 He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none.

3 Year after year this man went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the Lord Almighty at Shiloh, where Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were priests of the Lord. 4 Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. 5 But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the Lord had closed her womb. 6 Because the Lord had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. 7 This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the Lord, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat. 8 Her husband Elkanah would say to her, "Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?"

9 Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the Lord's house. 10 In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. 11 And she made a vow, saying, "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

12 As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. 13 Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk 14 and said to her, "How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine."

15 “Not so, my lord,” Hannah replied, “I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. 16 Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.”

17 Eli answered, “Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.”

18 She said, “May your servant find favor in your eyes.” Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

19 Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the Lord and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. 20 So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, “Because I asked the Lord for him.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “Hannah Rose”

Hymn: #403.

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

Litany of Faith:

L: Glory be to God, our Creator!

P: How wonderful are your works, O Spirit, who dwells around and within us. You form our inward parts; you knit together us in our mothers’ wombs.

L: Glory be to Christ, our Redeemer!

P: How wonderful are your works, O God, who dwells among us. You transform our inward hearts; you show us how to be born again.

L: Glory be to the Spirit, our Sustainer!

P: How wonderful are your works, O Christ, who dwells within us. You teach and transform our worldly minds; you tell us that the kingdom of God belongs to all those who are children of God.

L: Glory be to our triune God. May we be ever faithful to your purposes.

P: Holy God, how wonderful is all that you do. Form us into your body, knitting together all the members of the Body of Christ.

A: O God, we praise you for all that you have done, and for all that we shall become, as your faithful disciples.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Cares Chorus - I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet. And anytime I don't know what to do, I case all my cares upon you.

The Call to Celebrate Our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication: Holy and loving God, it is by your grace that we are what we are – not all that we yet may be, but wanting to be used by you in the saving work of your church. Take this offering as a sign of our commitment to be your servants. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Hymn: #261

“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

Blessing

- L: Go from this place with your life dedicated to the Lord and you will belong to his kingdom forever and dwell in it securely.
- P: We will have hope in the Lord and hold firmly to our faith and take heart for we are children of God.**
- L: And may the blessings of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you this day and forevermore, Amen.

Response

He is Lord – He is Lord. He has risen from the dead, and he is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.