

***Hymn 611**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

***The Charge**

Mark 12:28-31

Which commandment is the first of all?

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

And the second is this:

**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
There is no other commandment greater than these.**

***Sung Benediction 306 (verse 1)**

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

***Blessing**

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

A hearing loop is active; set hearing aid to “T-coil.”

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**MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
January 28, 2018, 9:00 A.M.**

Morning Meditation

Thomas Merton

“...In the center of the shopping district, I was suddenly overwhelmed with the realization that I loved all these people, that they were mine and I theirs, that we could not be alien to one another even though we were total strangers... I suddenly saw the secret beauty of their hearts, the depths of their hearts where neither sin nor desire nor self-knowledge can reach, the core of their reality, the person that each one is in God’s eyes. If only they could all see themselves as they really are. If only we could see each other that way all the time. There would be no more war, no more hatred, no more cruelty, no more greed.”

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Minute for Mission

The Souper Bowl Offering

Voluntary

“Distress”

Southern Harmony, 1835
arr. John Carter

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 111

With my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation,
I will give thanks to the LORD,
who is gracious and merciful,
whose righteousness endures forever;
whose work is full of honor and majesty,
whose works are faithful and just.
The praise of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD!

***Hymn 35**

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Nickel-a-Meal offerings may be brought forward during the singing of the hymn.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits,
comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces,
we confess that we are unable to do your will.
We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown.
We forget that you are always with us,
and that with you all things are possible.
Forgive us, we pray; lead us, and make us new. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 577

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Assurance of Pardon

Response 582

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines”

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Mark 1:21-28

Hymn 181

“Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit”

Second Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 8:1-13

Sermon

“Someone Else’s Sacrifice in Someone Else’s Temple” Keith Grogg

Prayers of the People

The 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.
And 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 Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

BRIDEGROOM

Peter Cutts/John Carter

***Doxology 607**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore, amen.

***Prayer of Dedication and Affirmation of Faith**

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
In a broken and fearful world,
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.