

Give Thanks to God

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

You are invited to speak your prayer requests first on behalf of the wider world; then for those close to you, and for yourself.

The People’s Prayer and 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.**

Go in God’s Name

***Hymn** *Mountain Shadows – (See Insert)*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** *Hornpipe from WaterMusic* G.F. Handel
Carol Reid, John Reid, Fran Bonewitz, Marilyn Skoneczka

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.



Office Hours
Monday – Friday
8:15am – 12:15 pm



**Mountain Shadows
Presbyterian Church**
Centered in Christ, Caring for Community

**Sunday, January 29, 2017 - 10:00AM
The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gather in God’s Name

*Thank you for silencing all mobile phones. * Stand as you are able. Please sign the fellowship pad, found on the chair on the center aisle. When all have signed, pass the pad back to the center.*

Prelude *Hymn Medley* from Glory to God Hymnal
Carol Reid, John Reid, Fran Bonewitz, Marilyn Skoneczka

The Prelude will begin at 10:00. Worshipers are requested to conclude conversation and listen prayerfully as spiritual preparation to hear God’s Word in worship.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle and the Opening Prayer

Welcome, Announcements, Introductions of Guests and Visitors

A Moment for Mountain Shadows: Congregational Meeting Today Dan Linegar

Introit *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* African Am. Spiritual

Call to Worship (Responsive) **Worship Co-Leader: Dan Linegar**

Happy are we
when our treasures cannot be quantified.
Happy are we
when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.
Happy are we
when our pain is held in the balm of love.
Happy are we
when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.
Happy are we
to worship God, the source of every blessing. Amen.

***Hymn #852** *When the Lord Redeems the Very Least*

Call to Confession (adapted from Micah 6:8)

God has told us what is good.
And what does the Lord require of us but to do justice,
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God? Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Once again, great God, we need to remember your goodness.
Once again, we need to unburden ourselves in your presence.
Our blessedness is not our own accomplishment;
you are the provider who meets our every need.
Our troubles do not tell our lives' whole story;
your mercies outnumber our burdens by far.
When we forget that you treat us justly and kindly,
we turn away from you and take the credit you are due.
Forgive us and humble us, O God.
Hear our prayers and teach us the unselfish wisdom of Jesus.
(Please pause to offer silent prayer.)
Refresh our memories and our spirits, God of all goodness.
Remind us to seek fair treatment for all others
and to show our neighbors the very same mercy
that you have shown us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Sung Response (unison)

Tune: 835, Closer Walk

**Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to thee:
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

Words of Assurance (responsive, adapted from 1 Corinthians 1:30)

Because of God, we are in Christ Jesus,
who has become for us wisdom from God.
**In Christ we are put right with God.
We have been made holy and set free from sin.
We celebrate our freedom to live in gratitude and love. Amen!**

***Sung Response**

Tune: 2276

**Glory to God in the highest!
Sing glory to God!
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth!**

***The Passing of Christ's Peace**

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you...**and also with you.**
You may turn to your neighbor and share a sign of Christ's peace.

Choir Anthem

Offertory

John Ness Beck

Carol Reid, John Reid, Fran Bonewitz, Marilyn Skoneczka

Proclaim God's Word

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

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Response

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Ironic Blessings

Rev. Rachel Srubas

***Hymn of Affirmation #172**

Blest Are They

Respond to God

Offering Invitation

The Offertory

Arioso

JS Bach

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit ever more.
Praise God, triune, whom we adore! Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication for Offerings of Money and Ministry**

(unison)

**Mighty and life-giving Creator,
in total dedication to the world you so love,
you gave us Jesus, whose word gives life to all.
As we dedicate these financial offerings to you,
we acknowledge that this church and all its ministries are offerings, too.
Especially, we thank you for servant-leaders
who devote their time and talent to this congregation.
May those who are completing their terms of service
find much-deserved rest and refreshment.
May those who continue to lead us and serve us
be energized for their work by your Holy Spirit.
And may those who are soon to begin new ministries among us
know that you have come alongside them, to guide them.
We ask all this in the name of Jesus,
whose offering of his very life is our salvation. Amen!**