

also. If any others think they have reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law a Pharisee, as to zeal a persecutor of the church, as to righteousness under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own doing, based on law, but one which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith; that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have yet made it my own; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind, and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the word of the Lord; **P: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Has Anything Changed?" Rev. Frank Wyche

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* Inside front cover of Hymnal

\*HYMN *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* #324

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (...debts/debtors...)

\*HYMN *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* #680

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *Come, Let Us Praise the Living God* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Carolyn Wallace, Organist

\*Those who are able may stand.

**BOLDFACE TYPE** indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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GOD IS LIGHT



IN HIM THERE IS

NO DARKNESS AT ALL

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11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Carolyn Wallace, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

Chancel Choir

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 13: 5-6; 40: 9-11, 16

L: O LORD, I have trusted in your steadfast love, and my heart rejoices in your salvation!

**P: I will sing to the LORD, because God has dealt bountifully with me.**

L: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation. I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD; I have not hidden your saving help within my heart.

**P: I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

L: O LORD, do not withhold your mercy from me, but let your steadfast love and your faithfulness ever preserve me!

**P: May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"**

**\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER** ~ From the PCUSA *Book of Common Worship*

**Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we thank you for this day and the opportunity to gather in your house to worship and praise you, to thank you for all your grace, and to ask your blessings upon ourselves and others. Bless our time together, and draw us closer to you, and to each other, we ask in Christ's name. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

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**RESPONSIVE CALL TO CONFESSION** ~ Psalm 14: 2-3

L: The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of humanity, to see if there are any who act with wisdom and understanding, who seek after God.

**P: They have all gone astray, they are all alike corrupt. There is no one who does good, no, not one.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** ~ From a prayer in PCUSA *Book of Common Worship*

**God of grace and truth, at Christmas you came among us in Jesus Christ as light shining in darkness; and at Easter you overcame the darkness of death and the grave by your Resurrection. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. You bring life and light, but we remain in our old ways of sin and darkness. We have closed our eyes to your glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our indifference, and renew our sure confidence in you, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the new life of Christ.**

*(Silent prayer and personal confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ Portions of 2 Corinthians 5: 17-19

L: If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation; the old life has passed away; see, the new life has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself;

**P: That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting [our] trespasses against [us].**

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

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ANTHEM

*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S LESSON ~ *Children through 5th grade may go to Junior Church afterward*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

1st NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 1 John 1:5-10, 2:1-6, 9-11, 15-17- ~ Pg. 1065 pew Bible

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make God a liar, and God's word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we may be sure that we know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says "I know Jesus" but disobeys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in them; but whoever keeps the word of Jesus, in them truly love for God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in Jesus: whoever says they abide in Christ ought to walk in the same way in which Jesus walked.

Whoever says they are in the light and hates their brother or sister is still in the darkness. Whoever loves their brother and sister abides in the light, and in it there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates their brother or sister is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded their eyes.

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life – is not of the Father, but is of the world. The world passes away, and the lust of it; but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

2nd NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Philippians 3: 3-14 ~ Pages 1023-1024 in pew Bible

For we are the true circumcision [those marked as God's people], we who worship by the Spirit of God, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, putting no confidence in the flesh [the human condition, or human works or efforts]. Though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh