

**HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Order of Service for the Worship of God**

November 12, 2017

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Carolyn Wallace

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP      *For the Fruit of All Creation*      Chancel Choir

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 33: 1, 4-5, 11, 18, 20-22

L: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

**P: For the word of the LORD is upright, and all God's work is done in faithfulness.**

L: God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

**P: The counsel of the LORD stands for ever, the thoughts of God's heart to all generations.**

L: Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who hold him in proper awe and reverence, on those who put their trust in God's steadfast love.

**P: Our soul waits for the LORD; God is our help and shield.**

L: Yes, our heart is glad in the LORD, because we trust in God's holy name.

**P: Let your steadfast love be upon us, O LORD, even as we trust in you.**

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

**O Lord our God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – by Jesus you taught us that love is the fulfilling of the law. Send the Holy Spirit upon us, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, that we may love you with our whole being, and love our neighbors as ourselves, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**      *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*      **#210**

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO CONFESSION** ~ 1 John 1: 8-10, 7

L: 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.

**P: 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.**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, we confess that we have pushed you aside, and turned away from your will and your commands. Sometimes we think, "I'll get to that later," and sometimes we are simply distracted by the busy-ness of everyday life. Jesus taught that we should watch and stay awake, for your kingdom will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night; but we fail to prepare for your coming. Help us to love you more, to follow and obey your word, and to live as your people earnestly working for your will, and for your kingdom.**      *(Silent prayer and personal confession)*

**RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON** ~ Romans 5: 6, 8-11

L: While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

**P: Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the judgment of God.**

L: For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

**P: Not only this, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.**

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

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

**\*GLORIA PATRI**      **#813**

ANTHEM      *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*      Chancel Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Matthew 24: 1-5, 23-25, 36, 42-44; 25: 1-13 ~ pp. 859-860 pew Bible

Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another, that will not be thrown down." As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the close of the age?" And Jesus answered them, "Take heed that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray.

"Then if anyone says to you, 'Lo, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. For false Christs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand.

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

"Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the householder had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Look, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all ten maidens rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for

you; instead, go to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut. Afterward the other maidens came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

L: This is the word of the Lord;

**P: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON	"Watch, and Be Prepared"	Rev. Frank Wyche
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	Inside front cover of hymnal
*HYMN	<i>O Jesus, I Have Promised</i>	#676
OFFERING		
OFFERTORY		
*DOXOLOGY		#815
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
JOYS AND CONCERNS		
MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER	<i>(...debts/debtors...)</i>	
*HYMN	<i>Eternal Father, Strong to Save</i>	#808
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL CLOSE	<i>Amen</i>	Chancel Choir
POSTLUDE		Carolyn Wallace

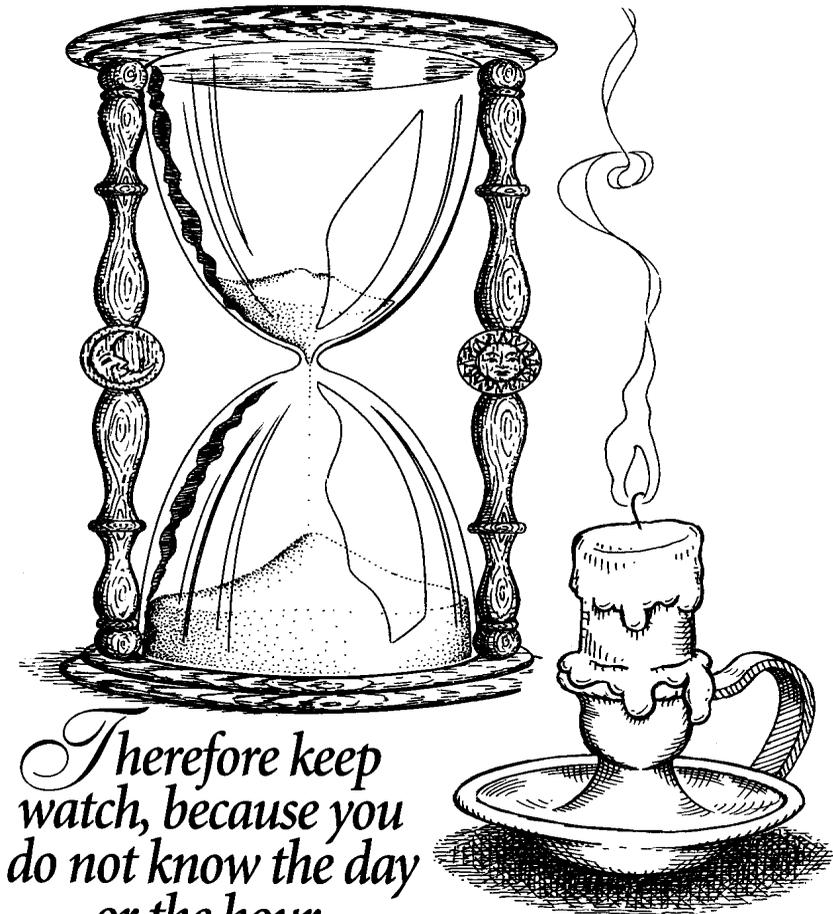
\*Those who are able may stand.

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

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*Therefore keep  
watch, because you  
do not know the day  
or the hour.*

*Matthew 25:13*

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