

Service for the Lord's Day
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • November 8, 2020
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome

*The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and
the Communion of the Holy Spirit are in our midst. Thanks be to God!*

Prelude

Open the Eyes of My Heart

arr. Matt Hyzer

Call to Worship

Psalm 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
Let us tarry and await the LORD'S pleasure;
be strong and the LORD shall comfort our hearts.

Hymn 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue. Alleluia!
Eternal are thy mercies, Lord: eternal truth attends thy word. Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

O God, your blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of evil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life. Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure. When he comes again with power and great glory, may we be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25: 1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 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, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for

our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Hymn 360

Christ is Coming!

*Christ is coming! Let creation from its groans and labor cease;
let the glorious proclamation hope restore and faith increase:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, O blessed Prince of peace.
Earth can now but tell the story of your bitter cross and pain;
we shall yet behold your glory, Lord, when you return to reign:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Let each heart repeat the strain.*

Sermon

Waiting is hard

Offertory

How Beautiful

arr. Carol Tornquist

Prayers of God's People

Beginning with announcements and prayer concerns; and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

Hymn 349

"Sleepers, Wake!"

"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us; the shout of rampart guard surrounds us:
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight's peace their cry has broken, their urgent summons clearly spoken:
"The time has come, O maidens wise!
Rise up, and give us light; the Bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia!
Your lamps prepare and hasten there, that you the wedding feast may share."
Zion hears the watchmen singing; her heart with joyful hope is springing;
she wakes and hurries through the night.
Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious in strength of grace, in truth victorious:
her star is risen, her light grows bright.
Now come, most worthy Lord, God's Son, incarnate Word, Alleluia!
We follow all and heed your call to come into the banquet hall.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

arr. John Turner