

**Order of Worship**  
**November 19, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Welcome & Announcements

Introit: "Spirit of the Living God" # 322

**PRAISE AND ADORATION**

Call to Worship: (responsively)

Leader: Let us join with the ancient Hebrews in the words of Psalm 122:1.

**All: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.**

Leader: Who are we, who gather here in the name of the Lord?

**All: We are those who come from north and south, from east and west, to worship God and fellowship with his saints in this place. Hallelujah, let us worship our God, together.**

\*Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" # 464

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

**Holy God, you are our rock and our redeemer, and yet we deny our need of you. You give us laws to help us live well, but we only see them as burden tying us down and obstacles to our happiness. You ask us to trust in your love for us, but we trust ourselves and others more. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Open our minds to know your truth, our hearts to rejoice in your commandments and our eyes to see the blessings obedience to your law can bring us. This we pray for the sake of Christ. Amen.**

Confession Response: "**Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.**" # 574

Assurance of Pardon

Greeting One Another

\*Response "Gloria Patri" # 579

**HEARING THE WORD**

Let the Children Come

Choral Music

Scripture Reading: I Thessalonians 5:1-11

Sermon: "Children of the Light"

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" # 276

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

\*Doxology # 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Hymn: "We Gather Together" # 559

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response: "**God be with you til we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you; with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you til we meet again.**"