

Sunday, February 19, 2017

8:30am

PRELUDE "Here I Am, Lord" – Schutte, arr. Thompson FPC Bells

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT "O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord" – Young Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 61

Leader: Hear our cry, O God; listen to our prayer.

People: From the end of the earth we call to You, when our hearts are faint.

Leader: Lead us to the rock that is higher than us; for You are our refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.

Unison: Let us abide in Your tent forever; find refuge under the shelter of Your wings.

*HYMN "Come Sing to God" No. 181

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of all that is and ever shall be, we thank you and praise you for being wiser than human wisdom and stronger than human strength. We call on you from the wilderness where we have been tempted and tested – tempted to turn back before the time is right to be tested, tempted to give up before the time is ripe for us to succeed. We confess to listening to the wisdom of the world, and for putting you to the test over and over again rather than relying on your wisdom and strength. Forgive us for failing to proclaim the risen Christ and lead us once again out of the wilderness so that we may foolishly and joyfully boast in you, our Lord and savior. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who saved us so that we may more freely follow you, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

[Please share Christ's peace with one another with handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]

*HYMN

"Spirit of the Living God"
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE David Griffith

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (OT p166)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 4:1-11 (NT p3)

SERMON "Why Jesus Won't Go Away" Philip J. Skotte

*HYMN "O for a World" No. 386

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "I Will Arise / On Jordan's Stormy Banks" – arr. Thompson FPC Bells

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN "We All Are One in Mission" (tune: Lancashire) No. 435

*BENEDICTION & RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

*POSTLUDE "Fugue in E minor" – Bach

A SPECIAL WELCOME to Philip J. Skotte, theologian, author and U.S. diplomat. Mr. Skotte is a seasoned U.S. diplomat with postings in the Philippines, the Vatican, Hong Kong, Budapest and Moscow. Domestically he has worked as a Foreign Policy Advisor for Special Operations at the Pentagon, Director of American Citizen Services worldwide and currently as a consular liaison with the intelligence community. Prior to joining the Foreign Service Phil worked as a commercial fisherman in Alaska, a schoolteacher, Athletic Director and a ship's carpenter.

NEXT WEEK
Matthew 17:1-8
Romans 12:1-2
"Renewing of Our Minds"

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

*Praise & Worship

*Here I Am to Worship
Blessed Be Your Name
Your Love Never Fails*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: David Griffith

(For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon

Why Jesus Won't Go Away

*Offering/Closing Song

Revelation Song

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:
