## Worship Planner

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2019

**Proper 28 (33)**

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Colour *Green*

## Scripture Readings

## Isaiah 65:17-25 and Isaiah 12;

## OR Malachi 4:1-2a and Psalm 98;

## 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13;

## Luke 21:5-19

## Hymns

#411 Stand up and bless the Lord

#732 O day of peace that dimly shines

#786 O day of God, draw nigh

#784 Thy kingdom come – on bended knee

#787 The kingdom of God is justice and joy

#782 Isaiah the prophet has written of old

#339 Who made the Earth and the Heaven

## Call to Worship *based on Psalm 96*

## Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

## Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

## Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

## Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord,

## who is coming to judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

## Let us join with all creation to praise the Lord! Let us worship God.

## Prayer of Adoration

God who listens,

You have heard the cries of your people.

You have felt our despair and our fear, and in your love you have offered us hope and renewal.

Your intention for creation is to know joy and delight.

You are at work in your church and in creation so that all that stands broken will be made new.

You are making a new heaven and a new earth,

a place where your justice will be known and no one will labour in vain.

Longevity, peace and abundance will be the hallmarks of our future in you,

when all your creatures will know rejoicing and delight.

We give you thanks for this promised future

which we can already taste this very day through the grace of Christ our Lord.

## Prayer of Confession

God of majesty and mercy,

As people seeking your new heaven and new earth,

we come to you confessing all the ways we have stood in the way of your new creation.

You have called us to a life of joy, yet we remain caught up in traps of anger and mistrust.

We hold on to past hurts.

We forgive all too slowly but expect others to let bygones be bygones.

We forget that all your children are called into your kingdom, preferring to invite in only those like us.

Forgive us our old ways of thinking and acting.

Create in us hearts made new by your mercy and love

so that we may bring your joy and delight into the world.

*Keep silence for 20 seconds.*

## Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news! God does marvellous things! While the world judges in order to condemn, God judges with righteousness, equity and mercy. All things have been made new in Christ and our sin is forgiven! Thanks be to God.

## Prayer for Understanding

O Lord our God, you speak a word of challenge and a word of comfort through the Scriptures. Send your Spirit upon us to open our hearts and minds to your Word. Renew our understanding so we find our faith strengthened and our call to act made clear. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Offering Invitation**

Each week we pray for the coming of God’s Kingdom. Though we do not know exactly what this will look like, we offer our gifts to God for the work of the Kingdom here and now. Your offering will now be received.

## Prayer of Dedication

Mighty and merciful God, we celebrate your goodness to us each and every day. We offer our gifts to you in gratitude for what we already enjoy. Bless them and bless us so that your goodness will be spread to touch other lives in the name of Jesus Christ, our friend and saviour. Amen.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession/Prayers of the People**

*This prayer was developed to use the prayer song #492 ‘Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all’ to introduce and conclude the biddings. If this or another sung response is not used, be sure to allow sufficient silence in those places so that people can pray in silence.*

Living Christ, from the stories about your ministry, we know you met both struggle and joy.

Some people understood you and others didn’t;

some people responded to your words with commitment; others with puzzlement; still others turned away.

We know both struggle and joy in our lives and ministries, too.

This day we place into your hands all our hopes and our struggles

**(If the sung response is used, say:** *as we sing … Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all…****otherwise hold silence for 10-15 seconds.)***

All that we are, O Lord, and all that we do, we place into your hands…

*(silence for 10-15 seconds…)*

Everything we work for, and everything we hope for we place into your hands…..

*(silence for 10-15 seconds…)*

The choices we face, and the responsibilities we bear we place into your hands…

*(silence for 10-15 seconds…)*

The troubles that weary us, and the thoughts that puzzle us we place into your hands…

*(silence for 10-15 seconds…)*

Each situation and each person that we pray for we place into your hands….

*(silence for 20-30 seconds…)*

***Sung response here, if used, saying*:** Trusting your grace for today and tomorrow we sing:

Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all…

Living, loving Christ, Source of the power and peace we long for,

Fill us with the strength and hope we need to walk with you each day

for it is as your followers we dare to pray:

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Prayer Partnership**

Sunday, November 17 (Legacy Sunday) Give thanks for and remember the many faithful stewards who have believed in God’s mission and have seeded new ministries through legacy gifts made in past years.

Monday, November 18 Pray for the congregational leaders taking part in the Evangelism Network as they receive training on how to develop a culture of faith-sharing within the local congregational setting. We pray that many people will come to a life of faith through their evangelism ministry.

Tuesday, November 19 (Restorative Justice Week) We give thanks for the Church Council on Justice and Corrections. Pray for their work to address the healing of victims, offenders and their communities as they strive for justice.

Wednesday, November 20 (Universal Children’s Day) We pray for the fast recovery of malnourished children in Haiti, that they may experience healthy childhoods as a result of support from PWS&D partners.

Thursday, November 21 We pray for the members of the Benevolence Committee as they work to support families and theological students.

Friday, November 22 (National Housing Day) As the weather turns colder and the nights grow longer, we pray that all Canadians have access to safe and affordable housing.

Saturday, November 23 We pray that God nurtures the Clerks of Presbyteries with wisdom, creativity and grace in service of the church.

**Mission Moment**

**November 17: A Healthier Future**

November 19 is World Toilet Day. Toilets are vital for improving sanitation and health in countries around the world. Without proper toilets, human waste can get into water sources, and killer diseases spread quickly. That’s why the sudden loss of latrines in a disaster zone is such an urgent health issue. In Mulanje, Malawi, about 4,000 toilets were damaged by rising water levels produced by Cyclone Idai, which swept through southeastern Africa in March. In the wake of the storm, families in the region—especially children under five—faced an increased risk of contracting cholera and typhoid. PWS&D responded by helping local partners rebuild latrines. Now with safe and working toilets available, 2,600 families in the hardest hit areas are looking towards a healthier future.

*PWS&D improves sanitation*