

OFFERTORY:

"Let the Vineyards" (green p.66)

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PEACE:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.** (greet those around you)

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG: *"Big House"* video

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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Greeters: Jacqueline Eggers & Wayne Schmidt **Ushers:** Bob & Nancy Mohns
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Prince of Peace

Faith, Family, Community



CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN



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Church Office Hours:
M-F 8:00 am-12:00 pm

**9:00 am
Service**

Pastor Hank
Rev. Dr. Henry Corcoran, Ph.D.
Office Hours
M-Th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Guests: Welcome to Prince of Peace Church!
We pray that you will be enriched and inspired by your worship with us this morning.
We know that we will be blessed by your presence.
Please fill out a Connection Card with your information and place it in the offering. Thank you!

9:00 a.m. Service ~ November 4, 2018

Good Morning and Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wendy Goldsworthy, Worship Deacon

(Please rise)

INVOCATION

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

P: Behold, children are a gift from the Lord; the fruit of the womb is a reward.

(moment of silence)

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION:

P: Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Sometimes, we have seen children as problems to be solved, as obstacles to our happiness, and as sponges that absorb our time and energy, rather than as “gifts from the Lord” and as “rewards” from Your hand. Forgive us. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, rejoice in the children you have given us, teach them your ways that we might walk together with them, all to the glory of Your name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONGS OF PRAISE:

“Jesus is My Superhero” video

“10,000 Reasons” video

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Hank Corcoran

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Dear friends: The gift of a child is a joyous circumstance in the life of a family. The Christian community rejoices as well in the giving of a child. I bid you, therefore, to join voice in offering thanks to Almighty God, our heavenly Father, the Lord of life, for children He has entrusted to us. Let us pray together:

C: **O God, you have taught us through your beloved Son Jesus that whoever receives a child in His name receives Christ Himself: We give You thanks and praise for the blessings you have bestowed on us in the gift of children. For parents and grandparents, for sponsors and godparents, for teachers and pastors, for youth leaders and childcare workers, grant joy and wisdom in the care of children, grant calm strength and patient instruction as we seek to bring children to love all that is true and noble, just and pure, good and gracious, excellent and admirable by the power of God, the love of His Son, and wisdom of the Spirit. Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO READINGS:

Proverbs 18:21: The Power of Blessings

READINGS FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES (THE OLD TESTAMENT):

Deuteronomy 4:8-9

Reader: Wendy Goldsworthy

Proverbs 22:6

P: Parents, grandparents, sponsors, relatives, may bless their children. Place your hand on their heads or shoulders and say:
May God bless you, remind you of his goodness and love, help you to learn his ways, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES:

Ephesians 6:1-4

P: Adults may bless children. Place a hand on each and say:
May you honor your father and mother and receive God’s blessing – a good and happy and long life. May your parents bring you up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Amen

RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS:

Psalm 127

P: A blessing for those who have longed for children or have lost children:
May the Lord bless you as He did Naomi with Ruth. When her sons were lost to her and she tried to send her daughter-in-law Ruth away, Ruth declared, “Where you go I will go; and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people; and your God my God.” May God bless you with spiritual children to share love, with offspring of the Lord to share life. Amen.

READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK (10:13-16)

P: Adults may bless children. Placing a hand on each, say:
May the blessing of Jesus restore you, that in your spirit you would hear, “You are my beloved child. In you I am well-pleased”. Amen.

THE MESSAGE

David Corcoran

SONG: *“This Little Light of Mine”*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

P: Lord in your mercy...

C: **“Hear our prayer.”**

THE CONSECRATION OF THE YOUTH LEADER

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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