Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

November 15, 2026



Ferguson Trees of Life (inspired by Psalm 90), Brenda Bogart

The Service of the Lord's Day
Order of Worship

**Please stand if you are able.*
Congregation to recite bolded passages.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Cantabile" by Ludwig van Beethoven Valerie Adelung

CALL TO WORSHIP John Snead

From generation to generation, God has been our dwelling place.
Before the mountains were formed, God was there.
Our days are few, but God's faithfulness endures.
Teach us to live our days with wisdom.
Come, let us worship God.
With grateful hearts, we come to worship.

*HYMN # 687 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION John Snead

God knows our fears and the ways they shape our lives. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION — John Snead

Merciful God, we confess that fear has too often guided our choices. We hold tightly to what we have, even when others need our help. We keep silent when injustice needs to be named. We put off doing what is right, hoping there will be another time. Forgive us, God. Give us courage to live faithfully, love generously, and make good use of the days we have been given. Amen.

(Silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON — Jenn DiFrancesco

Hear the Good News. God's mercy is greater than our fear, and God's grace is greater than our failures. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and given the freedom to begin again.

Thanks be to God!

*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 582

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you.

and also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — John Snead

God, open our ears to Your Word. When Scripture comforts us, let us receive it. When they unsettle us, help us to listen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE — Psalm 90:1-8, 12 — John Snead

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust
and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”
For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past
or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.
You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Forever Blest is He" by G.F. Handel Chancel Choir

Forever blest is he who serves the Lord.
The loving God of all mankind.
Joy shall be his reward;
Living to serve the Lord;
Forever blest is he who serves the Lord.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:14-30 Jenn DiFrancesco

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter,

so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Man Who Already Had Ten" Jenn DiFrancesco

*HYMN # 722 "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed Jenn DiFrancesco

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 Ghost,
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 Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jenn DiFrancesco

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jenn DiFrancesco

God has given us much to be thankful for. With grateful hearts, let us share what we have for the work of Christ's church.

During this time of offering, we can share our financial gifts by placing them in the offering plates as we leave, or giving online.

OFFERTORY "Ave Maria" by Jacques Arcadelt Valerie Adelung

*DOXOLOGY # 609

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Jenn DiFrancesco

Generous God, receive these gifts and bless the ministry they support. Help us use them wisely, care for our neighbors, and share Your love in the world. Amen.

*HYMN # 612 "We Praise You, O God"

*BENEDICTION Jenn DiFrancesco

POSTLUDE "To God be the Glory" by Victor Johnson Valerie Adelung

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687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)



5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
MUSIC: Attr. William Croft, 1708

ST. ANNE
CM

722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872, alt.
MUSIC: Robert Schumann, 1839, alt.

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We Praise You, O God 612



The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

TEXT: Julia C. Cory, 1902, alt.
MUSIC: *Neder-landtsch Gedenck-Clanck*, 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

KREMSER
12.11.12.11
(this tune in a lower key, 336)