

Welcome

Song: *Everlasting*

Call to Worship

Who is this who enters the doors of our temple,  
who overturns the tables,  
strews silver and gold on the floor,  
frees the sacrificial doves from gilded cages?  
Listen, as they rise, the beating of their wings  
is a song of loud hosanna.

**It is Jesus of Galilee, the Son of God,  
who comes to cleanse the great temple,  
to restore its subverted chambers  
to a house of hallowed prayer.**

Then let us open the doors of our hearts even wider,  
so he can cast out the thieves  
who would take what is sacred and tender  
and turn it hard as gold in a fist.

**May the temple within us  
be a refuge where doves of peace roost in the rafters.**

May it be a garden  
that bears the fruits of a generous spirit.

**Oh Lord, take what is corrupt and withered  
and let it break forth in beauty.**

For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever.

**Amen**

*(Shari Miller-Wagner from Celebrating the Season)*

Song: *Here I Am To Worship*

God's Greeting/We Greet Each Other

Song: *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

Confession

Almighty and gracious God,  
Your love is everlasting and filled with patience.  
In our sinfulness, we run away, yet You seek after us.

**We make foolish choices in spite of the fact  
that You teach us a better way.**

**We hurt You and others, and, instead of hurting us back,**

**You forgive us.**

Our pride often gets in the way of our efforts  
to reveal Your glory and goodness.

We try to bear the imprint of Christ throughout the world,  
yet we often do just the opposite

and fail to be the people You've called us to be in Your Word.

**Forgive the sin in our lives and grant us hearts  
to follow the example that You gave us in Your Son, Jesus.  
In His precious Name we pray. Amen.**

*(Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church)*

Song: *Before the Throne of God Above*

Assurance

Happy are we, holy people, when we walk in the ways of our God.

Happy are we, beloved ones, as we receive God's forgiveness.

**Happy are we, God's own,  
because we are made whole, through Jesus Christ. Amen**

*(Psalm 1 via Re-Worship.blogspot.com)*

Minute for Missions *(Sharing time from Diana Boot)*

Song: *Seek Ye First*

Children's Blessing

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture

Sermon

Song of Response:

Congregational Prayer

Parting Blessing

Song: *Go My Children With My Blessing*

*Offerings Received at the Back*