ORDER OF WORSHIP November 26, 2017

**Prelude** 

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise | "O Worship the King"

Affirmation of Faith The Heidelberg Catechism, Q #27 & 28

Minister: What do you understand by the providence of God?

All: Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which He upholds, as with His hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from His fatherly hand.

Minister: How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

All: We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing will separate us from His love. All creatures are so completely in His hand that without His will they can neither move nor be moved.

"Arise My Soul Arise"

Call to Confession Matthew 7:3-5

Minister: Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, "Let me take the speck out of your eye," when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

**Public Confession** Prayer of Confession from the 31st General Assembly of the PCA Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: O Lord, how can we stand before You with our numberless and aggravated offenses? We have taken Your grace for granted; it has failed to stun us today. We have arrogantly believed that we deserved Your grace and thus have mocked Your gospel. We have run after vain idols and thus forsaken Your sufficiency. We have not loved Your church that You bought with Your own blood. Forgive us, Lord. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not interceded for the world around us.

Lord, it is only because of Your compassions through Jesus Christ that we are not consumed. Lead us to repentance and save us from despair. Lord, we have no excuse, but we do have Jesus who has become sin for us so that, in Him, we might become the righteousness of God. Help us to believe the gospel for Your glory!

**Silent Confession** 

## **Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**

Romans 8:1

Minister: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

"Jesus I My Cross Have Taken"

Rev. Dr. John Crimmins Ministry Update

**Tithes and Offerings** 

Musical Offering | Susan Walker, Ashley Cowan, Woody Witt | "Handel Trio Sonata, HWV 386a"

The Doxology

**Prayer of Dedication** 

Sermon

"Rescuing the Wanderer" *James 5:19–20* Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song | "Come Thou Fount"

Benediction

Postlude