



**Ta ta, little Pumpkins!**

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# Children's Bulletin

FOR GOD IS GREATER  
THAN OUR HEARTS,  
AND HE KNOWS  
EVERYTHING.

1 JOHN 3:20

**Sunday, September 30, 2018**

### CARILLON PEAL

Hear the loud bells? See the children carrying in the flame on a long, golden candle lighter? The sound of the bells, the sight of the candles being lit remind us: We're getting ready for something IMPORTANT and SPECIAL: We're not getting ready for school, or for breakfast, or for bed, but for **WORSHIP!** Why are we doing this? Today is the **Lord's Day**. Now is our chance this week to worship God **together**.

### CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

This music helps bring us closer to God. Did you know that we are praying to God by singing hymns? Let's prepare for worship by listen closely to the music.

**INTROIT** - "Let Us Rejoice!"

### WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP IN WORD

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

God gave you something *you* need to pass along.... Right now? It's the peace of Christ. Smile, with *eyes* and *mouth*, at the people near you and say: "Peace be with you." Shake their hands and remember to turn to the people in the pews behind you!

**HYMN 483** - "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,  
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,  
for we have done wrong.  
We have lived for ourselves,  
and apart fro you:  
we have turned from our neighbors,  
and refused to bear the burdens of others.**

**Have mercy on us, O God.  
Transform our lives by the power of your Spirit,  
and help us to live as what we truly are: your beloved children in Jesus Christ.**

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: By Christ's work, we are made children of God, and brothers and sisters to one another. Friends, hear this Good News:

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

### GLORIA PATRI (Let's sing together again!)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON - Psalm 139:1-18

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** - "I'm Goin' to Sing"

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON - I John 3:18-24

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN 302** - "I Danced in the Morning"

### SERMON

# Conversations with God:

# God Knows Us and God Loves Us

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We believe that Jesus, the long expected Savior,  
came into the world as a child,  
descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit.  
We affirm that Jesus was born of woman, as in every child;  
yet born of God's power, as was no other child.**

**Jesus, through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, brings about the relationship between  
God and humanity that God always intended: we are adopted as children of God.  
By grace through faith,  
we are set right with God,  
not because of anything we have done,  
but because of what Christ has done.**

**In Christ, God gives hope  
for a new heaven and earth,  
certainty of victory over death,  
assurance of mercy and judgement beyond death.  
This hope gives us courage for the present.  
Amen.**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS** Now we give back to God out of thanks for what we have. This is an act of joy and obedience.

### SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

**HYMN 223** - "O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer"

### CHARGE AND BLESSING

**RESPONSE** - "Bless the Lord" (from the Taizé community)

### CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

