

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

Our God, 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion (see insert)

BENEDICTION

Pastor and Congregation:

We do not leave this sanctuary and leave God behind. God's call to
prepare our hearts, our minds, our communities and our world for the
coming Christ, is clear.
May this call be ever before us; guiding us, inspiring us, enabling us to be
Christ's body – his hands, his feet, his heart – in this, God's world.
–Amen

POSTLUDE Trio J.S. Bach
Nate Welsh, Music Director

Worship has ended. Let Service begin.

Join us for fellowship and coffee in Community Hall.

Ways to Connect With Rev. Deanna:

Rev. Deanna schedules individual meetings by appointment.

Please contact her by e-mail, pastor@firstchurchwilliamstown.org
or the office phone, 413-458-4273



Deacon at the Door: Gail Oberst

Reader: Lauren Stevens

Greeters: Shawn Toombs & Ron Alund

Flowers: Deacons

Candle Lighters: Ron Alund & Shawn Toombs

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PRELUDE **Abide with Me** **Sigvart A. Hofland**
Nate Welsh, Music Director

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT Total Praise Xavier Wills

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Luke 21:25-28)

Leader: Christ is coming!

People: We see the signs!

Leader: Christ is coming!

People: We will be ready!

Leader: Christ is coming!

People: We raise our heads because our Redeemer is drawing near!

All: Praise be to God! We will worship and prepare.

HYMN # 101: Comfort, Comfort O My People

OPENING PRAYER

CONFESSION/PRIVATE PRAYER

All: The act of confessing can be an opportunity to receive God's mercy and acknowledge God's abundant grace in our lives.

Confident of God's love for us, let us offer our prayers, in silence.

TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Be still and know that I am God

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Be still and know that I am God

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE Luke 21:25-36 Lauren Stevens

REFLECTION Rev. Deanna Shorb

HYMN

INVITATION TO GIVING

Deacon and Congregation: We offer back to God what God has first given us...our gifts, our time, and our talent. May each be of use to God's church and people near and far.

-Amen.

DOXOLOGY (*sung, in unison*)

Great God of grace and righteousness

We worship you in humbleness

Singing praises, alleluia!

May Christ abide in every heart

Within us reign and never part

Come, O Spirit, gentle Spirit

Loving Spirit, Holy Spirit

Alleluia! Amen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor and Congregation:

Christ calls us to live generous and grateful lives. Take these gifts we offer today, O God, and use them to the fulfillment of Christ's ministry.

May these gifts help to free the captives, heal the sick, comfort the lonely, feed the hungry, heal the wounded. As Christ's hands and feet, use us too, in service to building your beloved community. –Amen.