

BUCKINGHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
August 4, 2024  
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.  
*\* Congregation please stand as you feel comfortable*

PRELUDE: Grieg Lyric Piece: Bell Ringing

WELCOME

INTROIT: In Moments Like These

SHEEP PEN: **Better to Give (No, Really!)**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 112(CEB)... and the Holy Spirit)

**All: Praise the Lord!**

One: Those who honor the Lord,  
who adore God's commandments, are truly happy!

**All: Praise the Lord!**

One: The offspring of those who do right will be blessed;  
wealth and riches will be in their houses and their righteousness stands forever.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

One: They won't be frightened at bad news.  
Their hearts are steady, trusting in the Lord.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

One: They give freely to those in need.  
Their righteousness stands forever and their strength increases gloriously.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

OPENING PRAYER:

One: Let us pray:

**All: Generous God, we are so grateful for the many gifts and blessings you give to us:  
Our every breath; our every morsel of sustenance; our families, friends and healthy  
relationships; the earth and all its beauty; every beautiful and imperfect human being;  
the community of the Church in which we are nurtured in faith, love and generosity.  
What a joy it is for us to be cared for as your children and citizens of your kingdom.  
What a joy it is to give our time, talent and treasure for the good of others. Generous God of  
abundant love, receive our prayers of thanks and praise. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: Praise Ye The Lord (GTG #35)

CALL TO CONFESSION:

One: Let us pray:

**All: Gracious God, you love a cheerful giver and ask us to give to anyone who asks of us. If  
we're honest, though, we confess that we often hold back from being generous - sometimes out  
of fear, other times out of judgment over whether another deserves or has earned our favor.  
Forgive us for when we are selfish. Help us to fearlessly give generously to those in need - as  
fearlessly and generously as your grace is poured out for us in Jesus our Savior. Amen.  
that we may ascend with him into your presence. To that end, cleans us and prepare us to make  
that journey upward.**

One: Let us pray now - with the Spirit – quietly in the stillness of our hearts...

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Sisters and brothers, God offers forgiveness of our sins through an abundance of grace.  
Open your hearts to receive it – to repent of your sin - and be restored to abundant life.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI

\*A SPIRIT-INSPIRED PASSING OF THE PEACE AND THE OFFERING PLATE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

SONG OF PRAISE: When Morning Guilds the Skies (GTG #667)

DOXOLOGY/DEDICATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

**All: Holy Spirit, illumine our understanding and inspire our response to God's holy word.  
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

**2 Corinthians 9: 6-9**

**Luke 16: 1-13**

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

ONE: This is the Word of the Lord!

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon Series: Spirit-Inspired!**

**MESSAGE Week Nine: Offered**

**Rev. Mark Piedmonte**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER REQUESTS/ THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION SERVICE

COMMUNION MEDITATION: Now the Silence (GTG #534)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One: God, in this meal, you have generously nourished our souls. Send us out now into the world with  
hope in Christ's Light and with assurance in the steadfast love of the Spirit.

**All: Be our strength as we share that hope and love in abundance with one another and with all  
your children. All: Amen**

\*CLOSING HYMN: Now Thank we All Our God (GTG #643)

\*BENEDICTION: Go Now In Peace

*Go now in peace...never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast,  
strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to  
others so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

POSTLUDE: Schubert Impromptu in Abm