

ORDER OF SERVICE
7 November 2021
Pentecost 24

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King	TIS 111	
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	This is my Desire How Deep the Father's Love for us	SCE 515/ CCLI#1866132 P&W 841/SCE 185/ CCLI#1558110	
Welcome & Visitors candles, Celebrations, Green Cards			Rev Allan Smith
Prayer: Adoration, Confession, Declaration of Forgiveness			Rev Allan Smith
Passing the Peace			
Children's Story			Selena/Emily
Song	Worthy is the Lamb	CCLI#3217555	
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17;	Hebrews 9:24-28;	Mark 12:38-44
Message	<i>The Widow's Might</i>		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	I Will Offer up my Life	CCLI#1083764	
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith	Nicene Creed		
Offering Dedication			Rev Allan Smith
Notices & Concerns of the Church			Rev Allan Smith
Prayers of the People			Rev Allan Smith
Communion Song	Come as you are (Crowder)	CCLI#7017790	
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	Lord Reign in me	SCE [2] 936 /CCLI#2490706	
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song	Lord Reign in me	SCE [2] 936/ CCLI#2490706	

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith
Bible Reader	
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Piano	Selena Anderson
Backup Singers	Tony Leong
Additional Music	Tony Leong
Sound System	Nathan Rippingale
Data Operator	Harry Rippingale
Power Point Producer	Nathan Rippingale
Offering Collectors	NA
Communion Bread	NA

Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 127)*

Without the LORD building, we labour in vain.

Without the LORD keeping watch, we watch in vain.

Rising early and delaying our rest gains us nothing.

**Just as there are some who eat the bread of their frantic labours,
so it seems the LORD gives honour to those the LORD loves.**

It is children that the LORD gives as a lasting heritage;

rewarding with the fruit of the womb.

Just as arrows in the hand of the warrior equip him,

so the children born in one's youth give assurance and promise.

The community which fills its quiver with children

is rewarded, blessed with completeness,

and shall not be shamed by those with whom it must contend.

Let us worship God

SONG [Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King](#)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty and ever-living God, before the earth was formed and even after it ceases to be, you are God. Breathe into our souls the life and peace of your Spirit, that we might see our place in the universe as your blessed children. Give us faith and trust to respond to you as disciples and brothers and sisters of your Son. Empower us that we might live as you have called us to live and do as you have called us to do. Let us see the signs of your final will and purpose and help us to abide in hope and in faith till the day when all is revealed in its fulness. We ask it in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SONGS [This is my Desire](#)
 [How Deep the Father's Love for us](#)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

In gentle touches of fathers, in calming words of mothers, you care for us;
through teachers in schools, neighbours at the corner,

colleagues who share jobs with us,

you touch us with your peace.

We worship you, Holy God, with our words and with our silence.

You appeared but once, yet all people have been cleansed in your grace;

you lived but once, yet every life is redeemed by your love;

you died but once, and all people will live in your kingdom forever.

Jesus, Friend of the fallen, we follow you with our lives.

Stained by the pride of the world, you wash us with your tears;

made naked by the criticisms of others, you clothe us with your grace;

condemned by those around us, you hallow us with your hope.

We welcome you into our hearts, Spirit of Joy.

God in Community, Holy in One,
we lift our prayers to you. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Abundance, we confess that at times we are afraid of losing everything. We store and hoard, afraid of running out. We hide and conceal, afraid that others will take everything and there will be nothing left. We live out of fear, O God, instead of love and hope.

Guide us away from the fears that bring divisions between us and our neighbours. Remind us, O God, of Your bounty and grace. Remind us, O God, that You gave us this world, and that we are all on this planet together. Remind us, O God, that all things come from You, and all belongs to You, so there is always enough. Call us into the ways of Your abundant life and love.

In the name of Jesus, who gave up everything for us, we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus Christ appeared once for all
bearing the sins of many
and offering himself to remove sin.
He will appear again to save all those
who eagerly wait for him.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, be at peace,
your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG [Worthy is the Lamb](#)

BIBLE READINGS

[Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17](#)

[Hebrews 9:24-28](#)

[Mark 12:38-44](#)

SERMON [The widow's might](#)

SONG [I Will Offer up my Life](#)

OFFERING AND PRAYER

O God, we offer these gifts and our lives, not for the sake of their appearance, but in gratitude for all you have given to us. Above all, we thank you for the great gift of Jesus, for his selflessness and sacrificial love. May our discipleship possess these same qualities. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of resurrection hope, you provide from your bounty blessings too numerous to recount. You have given us food, shelter, clothing and all that we need. But, there are those in our own land and around the world who have little or nothing to provide for their daily needs. Keep us mindful of our wealth so that we may be directed by your Holy Spirit to share from our bounty so that others may have the basic necessities of life. (1 Kings 17 8-16)

God of all generations, you are faithful to your promises through all challenges that confront us. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us so that all people will know you have chosen us to serve you. We pray for all those who lead us—for our Presbytery Minister, our minister, the lay leaders of this congregation, and for the children who watch us to learn how faithful people live. Guide them and us to serve you with joy. (Psalm 127)

God, our judge and our redeemer, the death and resurrection of your son, Jesus, removed the threat of eternal judgment from your faithful people. Your promise of salvation for all believers is what we cling to for hope. Remind us to live in this promise so that others may be led to the hope that only you can give. (Hebrews 9:24-28)

Abundant life-giving God, even in our illness and grief, you are with us. Your constant presence gives us strength. Be present now with these, your children, who need your loving care:

This morning, we pray especially for...

Watch over them and provide them with your guidance. (Mark 12:38-44)

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION SONG [Come as you are \(Crowder\)](#)

SONG [Lord Reign in me](#)

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Go out and share God's love with all.
Do not slave for things that are not life-giving,
but trust in God's provision,
and give generously of all you have.

And may the grace...

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It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for your love has embraced all people
and you are coming to save all who eagerly await you.

In the beginning you founded the world,
and nourished all life upon it.
You filled men and women with your creative love
and blessed them with children.

Whenever our work has been at odds with your plans
you have provided a path to forgiveness and reconciliation.
You came among us in your child, Jesus Christ,
exposing the hypocrisy of the proud
and honouring the generosity of the humble.

The powers of evil had him killed,
but in his sacrificial death he removed our sins.
You raised him to new life
and made him the high priest
who appears on our behalf in your Holy Place,
as he prepares to return in glory
bringing your salvation to all the world.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

And may the grace...