

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Generous God, thank you for the gifts you bestow upon us daily. Make us aware of each and every blessing that comes our way — and create in us a constant desire to be blessings for others. Bless what we bring before you, and may it be put to work for the in-breaking of your glorious kingdom. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

JOYS AND CONCERNS
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

“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. 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.”

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #561 “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “Fanfare in D”

~Bridge

— PLEASE BE SEATED FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING —

ELDERS: John Caloritis (B), Dennis Dupree (A), Chris Matull (A, 2nd term of one year), Madi Hoadley (Youth Elder)

DEACONS: Sim Mulford (B), Cindy Caloritis (B), OPEN

TRUSTEES: Tim Cassidy (A), Kelly Bindert (A), Bill Everett (A)

There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 3rd immediately following worship for the purpose of electing our Pastoral Nominating Committee.

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Honor our Heroes

*I thank my God upon every
remembrance of you*

Philippians 1:3

Welcome to Ogden Presbyterian Church
Sunday, November 12, 2017 — 23rd Sunday after Pentecost; Veterans Day Sunday

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CHIMES “Reveille/TAPS”
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
GREETING EACH OTHER
 Ringing of the Bell

PRELUDE “From Heaven Above” ~Young
 Lighting of the Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP
 L: Eternal God, we come to you with hungry hearts, waiting to be filled,
 P: waiting to be filled with a sense of your presence;
 L: waiting to be filled with a touch of your spirit;
 P: waiting to be filled with new energy for serving and caring.
 L: Come to us, we pray;
 P: empower us as your people that we might worship you here and sing your praises.

*HYMN #210 “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” (all 5 verses)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
 Merciful God, we confess that we take so many things in our lives for granted, including our freedom and those who fought to secure it. We are blessed to have so much, and yet sometimes we don’t even notice. Often we just want more than we have. We have wonderful friends and family, and yet we forget to tell them we love them, or how important they are to us. We are mean to those who care so much about us. Forgive us, Loving God. Help us to see how beautiful the people and things around us are. Help us to see the Holy all around us, and have mercy on us when we don’t.
 (silence is observed for reflection and prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON
 L: Friends, hear the Good News: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we learn that God’s love has no bounds. In Christ we are forgiven, and are empowered to begin anew. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.
 P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM “Thank You, Lord” ~Wiser/Dunbar/Besig

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

A LITANY FOR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS
 L: God of love, peace, and justice, it is your will for the world that we may live together in peace. You have promised through the prophet Isaiah that one day the swords will be beaten into ploughshares. Yet, we live in a broken world, and there are times that war seems inevitable. Let us recognize with humility and sadness the tragic loss of life that comes in war. Even so, as we gather here free from persecution, may we give thanks for those that have served with courage and honor. Those that are in our presence that are

either in active duty or reserve duty, and the fathers, mothers, siblings, spouses, and grandparents of those that are currently serving, please rise.
P: God, we praise you for those that are willing to serve. Let all Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen, and Coast Guardsmen serve with honor, pride, and compassion. Do not let their hearts be hardened by the actions they must take. Strengthen their families. Keep them surrounded in your love and peace.
 L: Those that are in our presence that have served in the military in the past, please rise.
P: God, we praise you for those that have served in the military. We thank you for those that put the welfare of others ahead of their own safety. Let us all be inspired by their self-sacrifice in service to those who needed protection.
 L: Those that are in our presence who have lost a loved one in war, please rise.
P: God, we praise you for those that have made the ultimate sacrifice. We ask that you comfort those that still feel the pain of their loss. Keep us mindful that you have promised to comfort those who mourn.
 L: Those that are in our presence who protect and serve us on a daily basis: our First Responders, please rise.
P: God, we praise you for those who run in when everyone else is running out. We ask that you strengthen their courage and empower their resolve. Keep them safe in all they are called to do on our behalf each day.
 L: Those who have gathered in your name in safety because of the sacrifices of others, please rise.
P: God, we praise you for granting us these freedoms. Let us honor those who have served by working for peace. Let us never forget those that have served, and let us never let go of your promise of peace.

YOUTUBE VIDEO: “A Day in the Life... Thank You, First Responder”
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBLJb5nz-fg>)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS	Ruth 1:1-18	p. 210
	Mark 12:28-34	p. 825
	L: This is the word of the Lord.	
	P: Thanks be to God!	

SERMON “Scribe’s Story” Theodorus ben Josephus

*HYMN #2223 “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERING INVITATION
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY “Ave Verum” ~Mozart

*DOXOLOGY #592

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