

# Pitts Creek Presbyterian Church

February 19, 2017

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany

**Prelude**

Gloria Wilkins

**Introit**

Choir

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Invocation**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: We have gathered together  
to remember the old, old story.

**People: We have gathered to be formed by the continuing  
love of God for wayward people like us.**

Leader: Our Lord was like an innocent lamb,  
silent before its shearer, and led to slaughter.

**People: Hatred, jealousy, and self-righteousness  
murdered the incarnation of love.**

Leader: Yet Jesus said not a mumbling word,  
and he forgave his detractors and defilers.

**People: Love triumphed over sin, evil, and death!**

Leader: So then, let us be committed to the overwhelming  
gracious and wasteful love of God, and flee evil.

**People: Let us rejoice in what God has done for us.**

**All: Let us worship together.**

**\*Hymn** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No. 376

**Prayer of Confession**

God, you want us to love you and our neighbor, and not be wrapped up and warped by hatred, prejudice, and revenge. But, Lord, we confess we live in a strife-torn world, divided by self-seeking religions and rampant nationalism; people return evil for evil, and hardly think of grace and forgiveness. Forgive us, we pray; renew the vision of love and grace within us, and help us live according to your standards. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

**Silent Prayer**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Mt 5:45

Leader: Friends, God is just and merciful, and will reprove sinful ways, yet also offer us grace and forgiveness through repentance so that we can live as God's beloved children.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**\* Gloria Patri**

No. 579

**Anthem**

Pitts Creek Choir

**Worship for the Child in All of Us**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Readings:** Leviticus 19:11–18 and Matthew 5:38–48

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** *Wasteful Love*

Rev. Chuck Taber

**Affirmation of Faith:** “Loving One Another and Neighbor”  
—adapted from *The Belhar Confession* (10.3, 5, 9)

We believe the Church must demonstrate unity among all believers, being committed to God's community, loving and blessing one another, suffering for righteousness together, and obeying one God through the one Lord Jesus Christ. The Church must love its neighbors, bringing justice to the oppressed, food to the hungry, freedom to the prisoner, hope to the downtrodden, and protection to the stranger, orphan, and widow. God calls the Church to be peacemakers, agents of justice, salt of the earth, and light of the world. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**\*Hymn** *Though I May Speak*

No. 335

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Call to Offering**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Doxology** No. 592

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn** *God, Bless Your Church with Strength* No. 418

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction**

**Postlude** Gloria Wilkins



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*Sunday School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am*