

Welcome to  
The Presbyterian Church of Saint David  
19th Sunday after Pentecost - October 20, 2019

**Opening Responses:**

We are met in the presence of God,  
**and we do not meet alone.**  
With the angels in highest heaven,  
**we gather to worship the Lord.**  
With the saints of every age,  
**we gather to worship the Lord.**  
With the church throughout the world,  
**we gather to worship the Lord.**

**Prayer of Adoration:** (said together) [*based on Ps. 119*]

**O Lord, your word is a lamp to our feet  
and a light to our path.  
Accept our offerings of praise, and teach us your ordinances.  
Your decrees are our heritage forever;  
they are the joy of our hearts.  
Blessing and honour and glory  
be to you, Eternal God: Creator, Redeemer and Spirit.**

**Hymn:** Lord, thy word abideth 502

**RESPONSE in Preparation for the Readings:**

L> Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God  
as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.  
**ALL> Our hearts and minds are open.**

**The Word of God:** *Jeremiah 31:27-34*  
*Luke 18:1-8*

One> *This is the word of the Lord.* **ALL> Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection**

**Invitation**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing, Prayers for Others**

## Communion

**Prayer:** *(said together)*

**Eternal God, we thank you for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn:** Thy kingdom come--on bended knee      784

**Blessing:**

L> God sends us into the world, to accept the cost  
and discover the joy of discipleship.  
Therefore go--- carrying with you the peace of Christ,  
the love of God, and the encouragement of the Holy Spirit,  
in trial and rejoicing.

**All> Amen**

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## Jeremiah 31:27-34

<sup>27</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. <sup>28</sup>And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>In those days they shall no longer say:

“The parents have eaten sour grapes,  
and the children’s teeth are set on edge.”

<sup>30</sup>But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,<sup>[a]</sup> says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the

covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

## Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”