

Welcome to
The Presbyterian Church of Saint David
23rd Sunday after Pentecost - November 17, 2019

Opening Responses:

The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary,
his understanding is unsearchable.

**They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint. (Isa. 40:28,31)**

Prayer of Adoration: (said together)

**Eternal God, you are light for us in darkness,
you are strength for us in weakness,
you are energy for us in weariness.**

With thankfulness and wonder we worship you.

All we need comes from you.

**Glory and praise be to you, Holy God:
Creator, Redeemer and Teacher. Amen.**

Hymn: Lord of all being, throned afar 308

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: *Malachi 4:1-6*

Luke 21:5-19

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)*

**Lord Jesus, you have put your life into our hands;
now we put our lives into yours.
Take us, renew and remake us.
What we have been is past;
what we shall be, through you, still awaits us.
Lead us on.
Take us with you.
Amen.**

Hymn: I heard the voice of Jesus say 671

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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**Malachi 4:1-6**

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup>And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>4</sup>Remember the teaching of my servant Moses, the statutes and ordinances that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

<sup>5</sup>Lo, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup>He will turn the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents, so that I will not come and strike the land with a curse.

**Luke 21:5-19**

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, <sup>6</sup>“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” <sup>8</sup>And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup>“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.”

<sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls.