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ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY

11:00 A.M.

January 20, 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN: #394 "The Church's One Foundation"

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

Almighty God, who is forever with us, we praise you for all those who have preserved the foundations of the Christian Church, and especially this congregation. As we celebrate this great heritage, we pray that you will give us the courage to continue as a serving congregation. Guide us as we share our faith and witness before others in this community and in the world. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who taught us to pray:

"Our Father, Who art in heaven..."

GLORIA PATRY: #79

A RESPONSIVE MEDITATION AND PRAYER:

PASTOR: Human beings are creatures who are capable of answering a call.

PEOPLE: **There is no greater experience than to answer the call to high adventure.**

PASTOR: Mountain climbers and marathon runners answer the call to physical adventure.

PEOPLE: **Scientists and teachers answer the call to mental adventure.**

PASTOR: Philosophers and poets answer the call to spiritual adventure.

PEOPLE: **Great or small, we are all called to live the high adventure of our own lives with dignity and courage.**

PASTOR: According to Paul, we are called to a life of total service.

PEOPLE: **When we claim Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we no longer belong to ourselves.**

PASTOR: Jesus' call to His disciples was not coercive. He invited them to "Come and See."

PEOPLE: **Jesus invites us to listen and see if it is true, to watch and see if it is good, to taste and see if it is beautiful.**

PASTOR: God seldom calls us directly like He called Samuel or Paul. He calls us through human voices and needy situation. Let us heed

the call of God today: Almighty God, we pray that we might heed the call of the hungry for food.

PEOPLE: **Almighty God, we pray that we might heed the call of the lonely for love.**

PASTOR: Lord God, we pray that we heed the call of the sick for healing.

PEOPLE: **Lord God, we pray that we might heed the call of the unemployed for work.**

PASTOR: Heavenly Father, we pray that we might heed the call of the despairing for hope.

PEOPLE: **Heavenly Father, we pray that we might heed the cry of the doubting for faith.**

PASTOR: O Lord, Your call comes to us from every side. Use us as an instrument of Your peace.

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

NOTICES AND CONCERNS

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH ANTHEM

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM

ENGLISH SCRIPTURE: *John 1:35-42 (p. 1647)*

ENGLISH SERMON: The Divine Call

*HYMN- #288 "Come to the Savior" (vss. 1, 3)

ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE: *Revelation 3:11-15 (p. 1917)*

ARMENIAN SERMON: Needed: Pillars

*HAYR MER- #275

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park Kéz Dér, Asdvadz Mér"

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING All communicant members are requested to remain in the Sanctuary for our annual meeting. Our guests may wait for us in the Church Hall until we finish our church business.

Congregation is requested to stand. * Latecomers may be seated.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME ALL WHO ARE WORSHIPING WITH US, especially guests. We extend a very cordial welcome to newcomers to take part in the worship, to engage in the activities of the Church and make this your church home.

NEXT SUNDAY OUR GUEST PREACHER will be Deacon David Terzibashian.

VALENTINE'S FAMILY NIGHT sponsored by the Women's Christian Fellowship will be held on Friday, February 15 at 6:00p.m.

Synopsis of The Armenian Sermon

There are two kinds of people in the world: pillars and pillows. Those who lift up and those who lean. Those who support and those who are supported. The pillars play an important role. Without them structures collapse. They are the one that carry the burden without complaining.

The pillows have to be supported. They cannot stand alone. They must lean against something or somebody. Left to themselves, they fall flat. Writing to the church of Philadelphia, Asia Minor, Apostle John, urges its members to be pillars of the church. That challenge is for all Christians.

What are the characteristics of pillars in the church?

- 1. First, Pillars stand firm and are dependable.** You can count on them in rain or shine. The pillars support the church on Sundays as well as during week days. They bear the stress and the strain of the building. They endure. They impress us with their firmness and assurance of stability.
- 2. Second, Pillars of the church manage to stand firm even when the church shows signs of weakness.** They are loyal and faithful in spite of the obvious frailties of the church. Their love and loyalty is not conditional.
- 3. Third, Pillars standing firm and experience inner strength.** They are like those trees "planted beside streams of living water." They are positive and grateful people. They stand firm and grow.

All of us, regardless of our age and status, are called to be pillars and serve the Lord and His Church according to our ability.