

GPCSD Leadership Academy Retreat

February 23, 2019

You are the Light of Christ

Opening Hymn:

Sing a new song unto the Lord;
Let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
Singing Al-le-lu-ia.

Yahwey's people dance for joy.
O come before the Lord.
And play for Him on glad tambourines,
And let your trumpets sound.

Sing a new song unto the Lord;
Let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
Singing Al-le-lu-ia.

Rise, O children, from your sleep;
Your Savior now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
And filled your soul with song.

Sing a new song unto the Lord;
Let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
Singing Al-le-lu-ia.

Leader 1:

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader 1:

The light of Christ our Savior shines out in darkness, and the darkness is not able to overcome it. His light shines through us for all to see; our students, their parents, our friends, our family, and each other.

All:

Thanks be to God.

Leader 2:

Jesus, You are the light of the world. Teach us to live in your light that you might scatter the darkness of our fears, our sorrows, our faults, and our failings. Help us to believe that You are present with us now, offering us Your light. Teach us to live in Your light.

Reading: Isaiah 9: 1-6

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who lived in a land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at harvest, as they exult when dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, the rod of their taskmaster, you have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for fire.

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, upon David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this! The Word of the Lord.

All:

Thanks be to God.

Leader 1:

We are God's people; together we have walked in darkness, and together we have seen a great light. This candle lighting the way for us is a sign of the presence of the risen Christ who dwells among us. Let us reflect, in our own hearts, on this presence.

Reader 1:

Let us pray. That we might walk in the light and guide those we teach away from the darkness of sin toward the light that comes from God, let us pray to the Lord...

All: Jesus, teach us to live in Your light.

Reader 2:

That we might recognize and overcome the darkness in ourselves and help those we teach to do the same, let us pray to the Lord...

All: Jesus, teach us to live in Your light.

Reader 3:

That we might have faith and courage to believe that Jesus, the light of the world, is always with us, ever guiding us, let us pray to the Lord...

All: Jesus, teach us to live in Your light.

Reader 4:

That each of us might overcome the darkness that may exist in our own lives...

All: Jesus, teach us to live in Your light.

Leader 2:

Let us now enter this day with the light of Christ shining through us. We ask for this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

All: Amen.

Greeting:

Exchange the sign of peace.