



First Presbyterian Church

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022, 11:00 AM

* Indicates that those who are able may stand

Bold type is spoken by the people.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION Peace and Global Witness

Erica Scott

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Worship & Music

Beverly Cardinal/Marilyn Ledbetter

VOLUNTARY: There Is a Balm in Gilead

Lloyd Larson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Chelsea Holland, Liturgist

ONE: Beloved children of God, in supplication and prayer, with intercessions and with thanksgiving,

ALL: we come to worship God.

ONE: In hope and in humility, with joy and with concerns,

ALL: we come to worship God.

ONE: In faith and in uncertainty, with questions and with conviction,

ALL: let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN: People of the Lord

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CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: Jesus Christ gave himself as a ransom for all who fall short of the goodness of God. Trusting in God's mercy, let us turn to God and make our confession, saying...

ALL: Holy God, we confess that we are too concerned with our own peace. We seek the comfort of silence, and ignore the cries of the oppressed. We are inwardly focused, missing your call to serve the world in justice and love. Forgive us, O God. Equip us to fulfill your will for a world in which all know dignity and all are treated with equity, as your beloved children. Amen.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*RESPONSE HYMN: Lord Have Mercy Upon Us #575

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: God our Judge is also our Savior. The good news is sure:

ALL: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

#581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Katie Ory

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Amos 8:4-7

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

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ONE: Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me

K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.
Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.
Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
Separate from sin I would, and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.
Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 16:1-13

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SERMON

Rev. Michael McLaughlin

*SERMON HYMN: There Is a Balm in Gilead

#792

*COMMUNAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of 1967, 9.32-33

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Amen.

*GREETINGS

After an exchange of Peace between the Pastor and the Congregation, we encourage you to greet one another. The Greetings will conclude with the first verse of *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*.

ONE: ...The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ONE: ... God our Savior,

ALL: hear our prayer.

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY:

Cantilena

Robert Lau

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

#606

ALL: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN:

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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*BENEDICTION

ONE: ...Alleluia!

ALL: Alleluia!

POSTLUDE:

Gaudete

John Marsh

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY CALENDAR

- **Religion and Culture Class** – 9:30am-10:30am via Zoom.
- **Higher Grounds Café** – 9:30am-11am, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Adult Morning Bible Study**. 10am-10:45am, in the Library.
- **Nursery** - 10:45am-12:15pm - Ages 5 and under.
- **Presbyterian Women** – 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall today.
- **Sunday Night Youth at Play** – 5-7pm, in room 16.

WEDNESDAY CALENDAR

- **Wednesday Night Gathering** – 5:15pm, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Choir Rehearsal** – 7:30pm, in the Sanctuary.

BIRTHDAYS:

GERMENIS, Jeremy	09/07	WINSCOTT, Jack	09/13
DYER, Hae Soon	09/10	KINCAID, Quinn Rose	09/17
MCLAUGHLIN, Michael	09/13	REAMES, Kanako	09/20
SAMON, Rebecca	09/13	VANATTA, Bill	09/22

STAFF:

The Rev. Michael D. McLaughlin.....	Pastor
Paul Thurmond.....	Director of Music
Amy Ainsley.....	Administrative Assistant
Virginia Kirby.....	SoulSong Coordinator
Katie Ory.....	Director of Children & Youth Ministry

ELDERS:

2022: Barry Turner, Donna Simpson
2023: Jon Dugle, John Nisbet, David Pelren
2024: Beverly Cardinal, Pat Wilhelm

DEACONS:

2022: Chris McCormick, Alana Pelren, Erica Scott
2023: Myrna Estes, Ron Ledbetter, Amy Woods
2024: Sam Glasgow, Sidonie Sansom, Bob See

CLERK OF SESSION: Linda Wilson

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIANS: Cade Arnold, True McLaughlin