



# First Presbyterian Church

Church Office: Mon.-Tue. & Thur.-Fri. 10:00am - 2:00pm

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## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022, 11:00 AM

\* Indicates that those who are able may stand

**Bold type is spoken by the people.**

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Personnel

VOLUNTARY: God Will Take Care of You

*Robert J. Hughes*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Jim Greeson, Liturgist*

ONE: Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords.

**ALL: Jesus Christ, who rules over all things, gathers us in love.**

ONE: Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords.

**ALL: Let us offer our praise and thanksgiving!**

\*OPENING HYMN: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

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### CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE Looking at Jesus, we see that we have fallen short of the glory of God. Yet Jesus looks at us with mercy and grace. Therefore, let us offer our confession in faith, saying...

**ALL: God of justice and righteousness, you lift up the lowly and fill the empty; yet we adore the high and the mighty. You reach out to the poor; yet we ceaselessly pursue wealth. You talk about treasure in heaven; yet we want dollars in our accounts right now. Correct our misguided ways. Forgive our lack of generosity. Free us from striving for more and more. Change our hearts so that we can tend to things that matter and find our life in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

\*RESPONSE HYMN: Lord Have Mercy Upon Us #575

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Without regard for the cost, the precious love of God is poured out in Jesus Christ. This is good news!

**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 6:1a, 4-7

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

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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: Poor Man Lazrus – Traditional Spiritual

*Jester Hairston, arranger*

Poor man Lazrus, sick and disabled;  
*Dip your finger in the water, come and cool my tongue,*  
*'Cause I'm tormented in the flame.*  
He had to eat crumbs from the rich man's table.  
Rich man Divies, he lived so well;  
And when he died he went straight to hell.  
I love to shout, I love to sing;  
I love to praise my heav'nly King.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 16:19-31

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SERMON

*Katie Ory*

\*SERMON HYMN The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

#766

\*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.

#306

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: This Is My Father's World

*Larry Shackley*

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: Give Thanks

#647

\*BENEDICTION

ONE: ...Alleluia!

ALL: Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

*Michael Burkhardt*

# 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.
- **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