

The Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

16th Sunday after Pentecost, September 17, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, worship the Lord.
The bringer of laughter,
The keeper of promises,
Promises of ages,
Who knows of no limits
And gladdens forever!
Come, worship the Lord;
The bringer of laughter!

*HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church,
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world.
Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,
obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
Remove the obstacles preventing us
from being your representatives to a broken world.
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.
This we pray in Jesus' powerful name, Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

This Is the Day

by Chris Fortin

1 C Gm Bb C C/E Eb G(sus4) G
This is the day the Lord has made. Let us de - clare our thanks and praise.

7 F E7 Am F C/E F G(sus4) G7 C
God has re - deemed and for - giv - en, through Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior. A - men.

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
and also with you.

I invite you to turn and greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Charles Joseph Paliotti
Son of Sarah & Kaitlyn Paliotti
Sponsors: Joseph & Amanda Occhipinti

Elder Jon Klippel

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Adapted from a "Brief Statement of Faith"

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we are claimed in the waters of baptism,
fed with the bread of life, and called to be God's people.**

We trust in the one triune God whom alone we worship and serve.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Do you, as members of this church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Charles by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of this church? If so, please say "we do."

We do.

THE BAPTISM & PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL GIFTS

WELCOME

Let us welcome Charles.

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church
to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacy Currie, Director of Ministries to Children and Their Families
Let the Children Come
by Helen Kemp

Let the little children come to me.

Let them come and gather at my knee.

**Let them come, dear friends, for don't you see,
this is how God's kingdom ought to be?**

This is how God's kingdom ought to be.

(Children ages preschool–grade 5 are invited to attend Sunday School. Middle School students are invited to attend Bibles & Bagels. Nursery care is available for children ages 2 years and younger.)

*HYMN 634

To God Be the Glory

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7 (pp. 14; 16-17)

Ken Warman

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

God of the Impossible

Dennis Jones, Pastor

RE-DEDICATION OF OUR MINISTRY TO THE GLORY OF GOD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

OFFERTORY

Sing to the Lord a New Song
Sanctuary Choir

by Robert Lau

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

HYMN 606

**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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Music Ministry

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

*CLOSING HYMN 49

The God of Abraham Praise

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Please join us for Lemonade in the Shade in the Church House Courtyard following worship.

Maureen Paterson will be away from 9/19-10/10 on a pilgrimage, walking part of the Camino Portugues between Porto, Portugal and Santiago de Compostela, Spain. This route is steeped in the history of the apostle James who is believed to be buried in Santiago Cathedral. The route is approximately 220 miles and includes a boat trip through the world's only maritime stations of the cross.

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~In loving memory of Timothy S. Canary, Jr., by his grandparents.

~In loving memory of her mother, Jean R. Lamp, by Wendy Potter.

The flowers that grace our sanctuary each week are gifts from members of the congregation.

Flowers may be given in memory or in honor of someone or to celebrate an occasion and cost \$42 per pier. There are openings in October. If you would like to donate an arrangement, please contact our flower coordinator Ellen Johnson at (908) 285-1638 or email her at flowers@brpc.org.



Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 17

Early Bible Study, 8:30 a.m., Church Chouse Parlor & online
Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Streamed Live, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Calvin Hall
Bibles & Bagels, 10:15 a.m., Church House Library
Lemonade in the Shade, 11:00 a.m., Church House Courtyard
Middle School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m., Youth Center
Sr. High Fellowship, 6:30 p.m., Youth Center

Monday, September 18

Walk & Talk Group, 2:00 p.m., online
Children & Families Ministries Council, 7:15 p.m., online
Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m., online
Personnel Council, 7:30 p.m., online

Tuesday, September 19

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m., online
Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Geneva & Middle Rooms
Children's Mid-week, 4:15 p.m., Westminster Hall & Knox Room
Alpha Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m., Knox Room
Scout Troop #351, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center
Youth & Young Adult Council, 7:00 p.m., Church House Library & online
Tuesday Night Small Group, 7:15 p.m., online
Knox Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m., Knox Room

Wednesday, September 20

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & online
Church Librarians Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Church House Library
Stephen Ministry, 7:00 p.m., Church House Library
Confirmation Class Family Information Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Church House Parlor

Thursday, September 21

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m., online
Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 9:15 a.m., online
Meditation Group, 4:30 p.m., online
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Knox Room & Sanctuary
Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 7:30 p.m., online

Friday, September 22

Saturday, September 23

Sr. High Baseball Game Event, 1:00 p.m., Yankee Stadium

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