

The Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

17th Sunday after Pentecost, September 24, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

A Song of Gladness
Knox Bell Choir

by Cynthia Dobrinski

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

When we fear the future,
Faithful God, deliver us!
When our fate seems uncertain,
Faithful God, deliver us!
When a new day brings dread, not promise,
Faithful God, deliver us!
You can do anything through us,
Faithful God, deliver us!

*HYMN 641

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, we confess to you
that we have been careless in our thoughts, cruel in our words,
shameful in our actions.
We are indifferent to a world made sad
by want and wastefulness;
we pass by on the other side
when we see our neighbor in need;
we wander from your ways and into our ways.
God of life, we confess to you that we cannot journey through life alone.
Guide us, aid us, clear our path, that we may begin anew.

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.

RECOGNITION OF OUR CROSSING GUARDS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Children's Ministry

Lindsay, Claire & Brynn Healy

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 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 32: 9-13, 22-30

Rev. Kathryn (Nichols) Campbell

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Will You Wrestle With God?

Dennis Jones, Pastor

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown
Sanctuary Choir

words by Charles Wesley
music by Robert J. Powell

Come, O thou Traveler unknown, whom still I hold, but cannot see!

My company before is gone, and I am left alone with thee.

With thee all night I mean to stay and wrestle till the break of day.

I need not tell thee who I am, my misery and sin declare.

Thyself hast called me by my name; look on thy hands and read it there.

But who, I ask thee, who art thou? Tell me thy name and tell me now.

Yield to me now—for I am weak, but confident in self-despair!

Speak to my heart, in blessings speak, be conquered by my instant prayer.

Speak, or thou never hence shalt move, and tell me if thy name is Love.

'Tis Love! 'tis Love! thou diest for me; I hear thy whisper in my heart.

The morning breaks, the shadows flee, pure universal love thou art.

To me, to all, thy mercies prove—thy nature and thy name is Love.

My prayer hath power with God; the grace unspeakable I now receive.

Through faith I see thee face to face and live!

In vain I have not wept and strove. Thy nature and thy name is Love.

*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

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 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in C
Organ

by Michael Ryan

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

Our acolytes today are Claire and Brynn Healy.

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

Maureen Paterson will be away through October 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 Doris and Russ Ballantyne, by the Axt family.

~In loving memory of Doug Crane, by the Schaub family.

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 24

Early Bible Study, 8:30 a.m., 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
Confirmation Class, 11:00 a.m., Church House Parlor
Middle School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m., Youth Center

Monday, September 25

Spiritual Development Council, 6:15 p.m., online
Deacons, 7:00 p.m., Church House Parlor
Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m., online
Tree House Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., online
Ministry Engagement Council, 7:30 p.m., Church House Library

Tuesday, September 26

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
Tuesday Night Small Group, 7:15 p.m., Church House Library & online
Knox Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m., Knox Room

Wednesday, September 27

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & online
Church Librarians Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Church House Library
Stewardship Council, 7:30 p.m., Church House Library

Thursday, September 28

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
Oratorio Choir Rehearsal, 8:15 p.m., Knox Room & Sanctuary

Friday, September 29

Saturday, September 30

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