

The Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
21st Sunday after Pentecost, October 22, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

Descend, Holy Spirit:

Gather your children who wander from near and far.

Come down, Great Sustainer:

Cleanse us who are tested by the waters of fear and who cross rivers of doubt.

Descend, Sweet Heavenly Dove:

Offer us your peace that transcends this world's worries.

Come down, Giver of Grace:

Renew us as we walk the path of love found in Christ Jesus.

Descend, Holy Spirit:

Lead us, your redeemed ones, into a future filled with hope.

*HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of compassion, you stand ever ready before us: ready to heal,
to provide a pathway to peace and offer your gracious justice.**

But in the ways we refuse to change, you receive our stubborn refusal.

In our selfishness, you hear apathy.

In our judgmentalism, reluctance to self-examination.

**So our world experiences tragedy, want, and oppression,
rather than the Shalom you desire.**

Instead of condemnation, we ask for the miracle of your mercy.

**As we who are frail of faith receive your tenderness, may we extend it
outward until all your beloved people are restored and made whole. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

This Is the Day

by Chris Fortin

1 C Gm B \flat C C/E E \flat 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.

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

Welcome Song
Choir of Children & Youth
Matthew Oliveira, piano
Beth Donley, director

by Toni Sullivan

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Let the Children Come
**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.**

Amanda Hughes

by Helen Kemp

(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 633

Praise Ye the Lord

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5; Psalm 150

Brett Lakefield

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Gospel According to Taylor Swift

Dennis Jones, Pastor

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Psalm 150
Sanctuary Choir & Congregation
Arthur Rachofsky, trumpet

by Paul D. Weber

Please sing the refrain when directed.



Let ev-'ry-thing that has breath praise the Lord. Hal - le - lu - jah!

*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 546 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

St. Kevin
Trumpet and Organ

by Arthur S. Sullivan

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

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Church House Courtyard
immediately following worship.

Our acolyte this morning is Ben Hughes.

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God.

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 November. 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, October 22

Early Bible Study, 8:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & Zoom
Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Streamed Live, 10:00 a.m.
Bibles & Bagels, 10:15 a.m., Church House Library
Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Calvin Hall
Fellowship & Refreshments 11:00 a.m., Church House Courtyard
Stephen Ministry Presents “Connections Matter”, 2:00 p.m., Church House Parlor

Monday, October 23

Leisure Learning, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Walk & Talk Group, 2:00 p.m., online
Deacons Pre-Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Church House Parlor
Spiritual Development, 6:15 p.m., online
Deacons, 7:00 p.m., Church House Parlor
Tree House Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., online
Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m., online
Ministry Engagement Council, 7:30 p.m., Church House Library

Tuesday, October 24

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
Scout Troop #351, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center
Tuesday Night Small Group, 7:15 p.m., Church House Library & online

Wednesday, October 25

Women’s Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & online
Church Librarians Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Church House Library
Wednesday Evening Discussion Group, 7:00 p.m., online

Thursday, October 26

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, 7:00 p.m., Knox Room & Sanctuary
Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 7:30 p.m., online
Oratorio Choir, 8:15 p.m., Knox Room & Sanctuary

Friday, October 27

Saturday, October 28

Sr. High Six Flags Trip, 9:30 a.m., E. Allen St. Parking Lot

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