

The Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
12th Sunday after Pentecost, August 31, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Soon and Very Soon
Flute & Piano

arr. Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP

In this safe place, come! Let's lift our voices to praise God!

We rejoice in the One who cares for all creation.

We eagerly anticipate growing in faith as we worship the Lord.

It is this God who yearns to lead us;

this God who wants to satisfy us with sweet honey and finest wheat.

So let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN 679

Let the Whole Creation Cry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O Lord, that we love attention.

**We are pleased when people single us out for something good
that we have done, for some outstanding act or trait of kindness that we exhibit.**

**We revel in the light; but the seductive light too often captures us
and we seek its brightness and glory and turn our backs on others in need.**

**We have been given many gifts, but have failed to use them
to help others and to serve you. Forgive us our vanity and greed.**

**Heal our wounded and aching souls. Place us again on the pathway of peace
and hope that is your way to true life. For we ask these things in the name
of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

We Are Forgiven

HYMN 447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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

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 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?

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(Children ages preschool–grade 4 are invited to attend Sunday School. Grades 5-8 students are invited remain in worship with their families. Nursery care is available for children ages 2 years and younger.)

*HYMN 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 25:6-7 & Luke 14:1,7-14

Matt Goad

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Place At The Table Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

When We Are Living

arr. Joel Raney

Flute & Piano

*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 694

Great God of Every Blessing

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Shout to the Lord / Lord, I Lift Your Name
Flute & Piano

arr. Joel Raney

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

Special thanks to Linda Loria and Kristen Wuest for sharing their musical talents with us today while Chris Fortin is away. Dennis Jones is on vacation and will return on September 2.

Aurora, Colin, and Aidan Rice are our acolytes this morning.



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 September. 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, August 31

Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Streamed Live, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Calvin Hall

Lemonade in the Shade, 11:00 a.m., Church House Courtyard

Monday, September 1

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m., online

Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Geneva & Middle Rooms

Stephen Ministry, 1:30 p.m., Church House Parlor

Scout Troop #351, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center

Session, 7:00 p.m., Church House Parlor & online

Wednesday, September 3

Church Librarians Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Church House Library

Thursday, September 4

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m., & 4:30 p.m., online

Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 9:15 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., online

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Knox Room & Sanctuary

Friday, September 5

Saturday, September 6

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