

Morning Worship—September 17, 2017

15th Sunday after Pentecost

*Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor. *Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, “Amen,” after hymns.*

PRELUDE “Trumpet Gigue” Gordon Young

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is our refuge and strength.

People: God is a very present help in times of trouble.

Leader: Be still and know that the Lord is God.

People: We will joyfully raise our voices and lift our hearts to worship our Creator, Savior and Sustainer.

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 429**

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we know that we forget about You, we forget to love You, we forget to help our neighbors, we forget to thank You. Grant us clear minds to know You, new hearts to love You, strong hands to serve You. Help us live this day, this week, and always so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to You.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Sin enslaves us in self-destructive ways.

People: But in Christ we are set free.

Leader: Guilt chains us to a hurtful past.

People: But in Christ we are liberated for a new future.

Leader: Believe in the Good News!

People: In Christ we are forgiven!

Gloria Patri (579)

GREATOREX, 1851

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.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offering in Music

“Great Is thy Faithfulness”

arr. Virginia Halberg

Doxology 591

OLD HUNDREDDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Erin Parris

A MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Nicole Bracey

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

ANTHEM

“Building on the Vision”

by Mark Wilson

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord our God, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive Your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to Your will and live always for Your glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

LESSONS

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John 15:4-8

SERMON

“Roots and Fruits”

Rev. Allen Thompson

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Hymnal Pg. 14)

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 434**

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

BENEDICTION 540, stanza 1

“God Be With You Till We Met Again”

POSTLUDE

“Carillon Toccata”

by G. Martin



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We provide **nursery care** from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM and **Sunday School** for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.

PASTORAL CONCERNS— Martha Bell, Chlodine Bittner (Jackson Weller’s grandmother), Chuck Bolt, Lisa Bolt, Alice & Randy Bradshaw, Ken Brewer, Bill Brown, Mary Bray (Jarrod Brown’s Aunt), Claire Campbell, John Cao, Nelson R. Clark, Judy Cox (Kristen Cox’s sister-in-law), Charles & Lib Cuttle, Maude Dalton, Rev. Cecil Eanes, Dianne East, Marilyn East, Pauline Fitts, Betty Fitzgerald, Fred Gunn, Lois Hayes, Christina Hermetz (Kelsey Thompson’s sister), Tim Hooker, Kay Huggins (son-in-law of Thomas and Alice Saunders), Conner Jones, Doug Jones, Jana Keen and family, Angela Langford, Ruth Lawton, Bill Lorimer, Larry Mann, Ruth Meadors, Thelma Meadors, Carolyn Miles, Larry Miller, A. B. Motley, Debbie Perrin Neal, Rhoda Neal, Paul Patrick (Charlotte Lowther’s son-in-law), Nancy Poindexter (Jarrod Brown’s aunt), Judy Poythress (Mike Reynolds’ sister), Ella Ryan, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Alan Sweeney, Linda Terriberry, Tom West

ON THE MEND--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Kevin Bailey, Dominic Barbacci (Jay & Bunny Hayes’s Grandson) Martha Bell, Kelvin Gunn, Mike Lewis (Tom and Ava Barrett’s son-in-law), Grace Litzenberg, Erica Mann, Archer McIntire, Lee Norman, Mack Williams, John Rodgers (Jackson Weller’s Uncle), Russell Vandiver, Nultie Wiseman
Our prayers are with the family of Karan Johnson who recently lost her mother.

Join us for our Community Prayer Service September 18th at 7:00 p.m. We will focus our prayers on our Medical Providers & Personnel.



Make plans to attend to attend our Stewardship Dinner to be held Wed. Sept. 20th at 6:00 p.m. The delicious meal will be free of charge, but we need a head count – so please call the office 792-7822 or contact John Parris (johndparrissr@gmail.com) or 793-9239 to sign up. This year’s theme is “Bearing Fruit: Using our talents,” it will be an exciting program so make plans to attend today!

SERVING TODAY

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| Nursery/Sunday School | Diane Shelton/Kim Clifton |
| Children’s Sunday School | Karan Johnson/Gwen Baucom |
| | Carolyn Baker/Kathy Machado |
| Elders at Front Door | J. Reynolds |
| Friendship Period | D. Swann/B. Takata |
| Deacon to Receive Offering | Jarrod Brown |
| Officers to Count Offering | Beale/Meadema |
| Church School Superintendent | Gail Davis |
| Liturgist | Becky Meadema |
| Time for Young Disciples | Erin Parris |
| Sound System | Edward Blount |
| Ushers | Team 3 |
| Flower Ministry | Evening Circle |
| Weekend Custodian | Ron Tanner |
| Childcare Specialists | Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler |
| Saturday Lunch Ministry Sept. 23 | R. Beale/FPC Youth |



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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

- MONDAY, September 18**
 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group
 7:00 p.m. Comm. Prayer Service
- TUESDAY, September 19**
 5:30 p.m. Finance Comm.
 6:15 p.m. Handbells
- WEDNESDAY, September 20**
 6:00 p.m. Stewardship Dinner
- THURSDAY, September 21**
 5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, September 22
 All Day Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, September 23
 10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study
 11:15 a.m. Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, September 24
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School:
 Mid & High School, Rm 112
 Outlook Class, Rm 322
 Bible Fellowship, Library
 Seekers, Rm 109
 11 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
 Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS