

*Morning Worship—September 15, 2019*

*24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor.*

*\*Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, “Amen,” after hymns.*

*As the chimes ring in the worship hour,*

*we invite people to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship.*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** “Praise Ye, the Lord Almighty” arr. Max Drischner

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let us return to the Lord who gives us life and meets us with grace.

**People: We come to sing God’s praises for all his gifts to us and to the world of his making.**

Leader: Let us gather around the table and remember the presence of the risen Christ who is with his people.

**People: We come to give thanks to the Lord and to hear Christ’s voice as he leads his disciples.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE 171** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, our heavenly Father, you have waited up for us in the night when we were far from home. Forgive us for the times that we have been the prodigal and misused the good gifts that you have given us. Forgive us for the times that we have been the resentful older sibling and begrudged your goodness. Have mercy, O God, for the ways that we have failed to respond to your amazing grace. Let your Holy Spirit guide us in the ways of Jesus Christ until that time when we are finally home with you. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: The proof of God’s amazing love is that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Know that God’s love in Christ has defeated the powers of sin and death. Believe the Good News – in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI (579)** GREATOR EX, 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.

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES** Tom Gillespie  
(children exit for Sunday School)

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

May the light of your Holy Spirit shine upon us and illumine the Scriptures we will hear today.

Let the seeds of your Word find rich soil this morning so that they bear fruit in our lives. Amen.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** (819/860) II Corinthians 5:16-21

**ANTHEM** “Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven” by Pepper Choplin

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** (740/778) Luke 15:11-32

**SERMON** “The Waiting, Welcoming Father” Rev. Steve Willis

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (See Apostles’ Creed in Aids to Worship pew insert)

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 293** “This Is My Father’s World”

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Invitation to the Table

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord’s Prayer**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer after Communion**

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Offering in Music “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” arr. Virginia Halberg

**\*Doxology 591** OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 370** “Just As I Am, Without One Plea”  
(children return from Sunday School)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 540** “God Be With You”

**POSTLUDE** “O Worship the King” arr. E. Rogers

*The flowers today are placed to the glory of God, and in honor of Goldie Keesee  
and in memory of Minnie Lee Hayes  
by Jay and Bernadine Hayes.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASTORAL CONCERNS**— Brian Anderson (H. Perryman’s brother), Chlodine Bittner (J. Weller’s grandmother), Lisa Bolt, Amy Bracey, Matthew Dolianitis, Betty & Bill Fitzgerald, Fred Gunn (W. Gunn’s brother), Flo Hall, Bob Lowther, Martha McQueen, Carolyn Miles, Sali Parker (K. Dolianitis), Ella Ryan, Mary Ann Shelton, Andrea Smith (G. Gunn’s cousin), Taz Stephens (P. Brandon’s nephew), Debra Thompson (C. Bolt daughter), Easton Zunker

The concerns of those who wish to remain unnamed. Our PNC Committee.

Our Service Personnel & First Responders. The people of Togo.

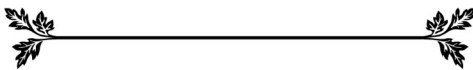
**ON THE MEND** — Mrs. Helen Harris

Our condolences to the friends and family of Penultima “Nultie” Wiseman who passed away September 7, 2019.

We will have a congregational meeting on Sunday Sept. 22nd to vote on our new slate of officers. Please make plans to attend our worship service Sept. 22nd.

Our Wednesday Night Suppers will resume Wednesday Sept. 25th at 6 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Ellie Honea. Everyone will want to hear her play the piano and she will discuss the many things she did in Tokyo. Our meal will be lasagna, salad, rolls and a tasty dessert. Prices are \$6 per person/ ages 11 and up. Children 10 and under eat free. Max for a family (4 or more) will be \$18.

SERVING TODAY	
Nursery/Sunday School	K. Clifton/D. Shelton
Combined Sunday School	K. Dolianitis/M. Sweeney
Elders at Front Door	B. Wilson
Security & Side Door	C. B. Strange
Visitation	K. Dolianitis
Deacon to Receive Offering	S. Mathena
Officers to Count Offering	Barrett/ N. Wilson
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	B. Hayes
Time for Young Disciples	T. Gillespie
Sound System	E. Blount
Ushers	Team 3
Flower Ministry	Evening Circle
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry Sept. 21st	B. Meadema/G. Wimer
Saturday Lunch Attendance 8/24	42



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**TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN**



**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

**MONDAY, Sept. 16**  
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Membership Comm.

**TUESDAY, Sept. 17**  
5:30 p.m. Finance Comm.

**WEDNESDAY, Sept. 18**  
5:30 p.m. PNC Committee  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group  
6:00 p.m. Vision Committee

**THURSDAY, Sept. 19**  
5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

**FRIDAY, Sept. 20**  
All Day Church Office Closed

**SATURDAY, Sept. 21**  
8:00 a.m. Men’s breakfast & bible study  
11:30 a.m. Lunch Ministry

**SUNDAY, Sept. 22**  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School:  
See below for Class information  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS  
Noon Fellowship

**Opportunities to Study the Word every Sunday Morning**  
**Youth & Adult Sunday School** 9:45 a.m.– 10:40 a.m.  
**Youth** (middle & high school) Rm 112 /discussion type class studying scripture lesson used in Sunday’s sermon  
**Bible Seekers**/Rm 109/ “Feasting on the Word” / discussion type class  
**Bible Study Fellowship**/Library/ Ligonier Ministry’s “Tabletalk Magazine” / discussion type class  
**Outlook**/Rm 322/“The Present Word” / lecture type class  
**The Children’s Extended Time** (mid-worship 11:15-12:00) Deep Blue Cokesbury Curriculum  
**K-2** /Rm304/various instructors/**Gr 3-5**/Rm 306/various instructors  
Nursery care from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM & Sunday School for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.