



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 27, 2019 9:30 AM

First Presbyterian Church
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THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *O God, full of compassion, we commit and commend ourselves to you, in whom we live, and move and have our being. Be the goal of our pilgrimage, and our rest by the way. Let our souls take refuge from the crowding turmoil of worldly thought beneath the shadow of your wings. Let our hearts, in this sea of restless waves, find peace in you, O God. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE *Toccata in E Minor* Pachelbel

INTROIT *God Welcomes All* Bell
Chancel Choir

#*CALL TO WORSHIP Kevin Jerge

One: Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

ALL: *and do not rely on your own understanding.*

One: In all your ways acknowledge him,

ALL: *and God will make straight your paths.*

One: Honor the Lord and turn away from evil.

ALL: *It will be healing and refreshment for your body.*

One: Keep sound wisdom and prudence,

ALL: *and they shall be life for your soul.*

One: Then you shall walk on your way securely,

ALL: *for the Lord will be our confidence.*

One: We worship the God who has claimed us for His own.

ALL: *We worship the God who calls us to a different way of life – life set apart and committed to Jesus Christ, the Messiah! Let us recognize the folly of the world's wisdom and claim the truth of God's wisdom!*

TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

#*HYMN OF PRAISE: 846 *(Please stand at the introduction to the hymns)*

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. John White

God of patient love, your generous and loving heart is often a contrast to our chosen way. We are prone to make snap judgments, form quick opinions, and rely on flimsy prejudices. We look for differences that let us exclude, rather than differences that celebrate each other's uniqueness. We see the outside appearance but miss the deep glance into the heart. We are quick to judge others, but reluctant to face our own faults, and to look into our own hearts. Hold us, we pray, with tender care, and let your mercy wash over us. Forgive us when we cling to the world and ignore you and give us eyes to see and ears to hear those things of your Kingdom. Through Christ we pray, Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev. John White

One: The good news is that even if we at first do not hear the divine word addressed to us, God calls again and again.

ALL: *When our words and actions separate us from God, we are assured that if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!*

One: All this is from God to whom we have been reconciled by Christ.

ALL: *Thanks be to God! In Christ we are forgiven and restored! Alleluia! Amen!*

***RESPONSE: 423** (*stanza 1*)

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God (Psalm 51)

SARADAY

Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

TO GIVE THANKS, PETITION AND INTERCESSION

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. John White

Ken Yount Reaffirmation of Faith

Madeline Yount Reaffirmation of Faith

(sing in unison) Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love: The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Blast! Children

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Libby Smith

(After the Time with Children, our young friends ages 4-2ND grade are invited to the Children's Church in the Education Building. An adult will escort the children. After church the children will be escorted to their appropriate Sunday School rooms. Grades 3-5 are invited to remain in the Sanctuary for worship.)

***HYMN: 441**

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*p. 35 in front of hymnal*)

ANTHEM

Send Down the Fire

Chancel Choir

arr. Hayes

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kevin Jerge

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joel 2:28-32 (pg. 848)

PSALM READING

Psalm 84 (pg. 543)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 18:9-14 (pg. 81)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

“Grounded”

Rev. John H. White

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from *Colossians 1:15-16*)

Rev. John White

One: Brothers and sisters in Christ, who is the Christ we worship and serve?

ALL: *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers— all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.*

(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)

OFFERING

ORGAN

Prelude on AR HYD Y NOS

Burtonwood

OFFERTORY

Dr. Terry McRoberts, organist

*Doxology (Tune: 607)

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.

*Dedicatory Prayer

Kevin Jerge

TO GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: 32**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***CHORAL BLESSING:**

Be Near Me Lord
Chancel Choir

Scott

***ORGAN POSTLUDE**

Fanfare on ST GERTRUDE

Young

ACOLYTES: *Lily Byrd and Jaxon Reynolds*