

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 2022

10:00 A.M.

Linda C. George

# THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

Shock
 Disbelief

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

**PRELUDE** 

# \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples;
People: Shout to God with loud songs of joy.
Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

People: To sing praises to your name, O Most High.

\*HYMN No. 439

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# CALL TO RECONCILIATION

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, by water and your Holy Spirit, you baptized us to be your own and called the church into being. We confess that we hold back the love of your Spirit among us.

We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ.

Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our lives by the power of your Holy Spirit and make strong our common witness to the one Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

# SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The God of power hears our prayer before we

speak yet welcomes our praying.

People: We pray for the lifting of the darkness of our sins. Leader: God's answer to our prayers is the Good News:

People: In Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

<sup>\*</sup> Those who are able are invited to stand.

Lord, have mercy - mercy on us Christ, have mercy - mercy on us Lord, have mercy - mercy on us

# \*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

# THE WORD OF GOD

# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-32

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

# **ANTHEM**

# O Lord Most Holy

Cesar Franck

O Lord most holy, O Lord most holy, O loving Father, we would praise Thy name forever; Help us to know Thee, Know Thee and love Thee;

Father, Father, grant us Thy truth and grace; Father, Father, guide and defend us.

Lead with Thy guiding light, Keep us in paths aright, In our sorrows let us find our rest in Thee; And in temptation's hour, Save through Thy mighty pow'r,

Father, hear us; Hear us in mercy; Show us Thy favor, So we shall live and sing praise to Thee.

#### TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward

SERMON Lost and Found Rev. Stacy Rector

# RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN No. 366

*Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* st. catherine

## \*Affirmation of Faith

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.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

3. Anger 4. Sadness

Linda C. George

\*Doxology

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.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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# SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN No. 276

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* 

FAITHFULNESS

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*Postlude

5. Acceptance

Linda C. George

WORSHIP NOTES – The prelude, offertory, and postlude pieces for this morning's service are movements from a complete work entitled September Eleventh, In Resignation and Remembrance. This memorial piece for organ was composed by Linda Conway Correll George, a member of the choir of First Presbyterian Church. The composer has a Master of Music Degree in Composition and Theory from Hunter College, City University of New York. She studied with international composer Vittorio Rieti and was awarded the Marion Bauer Memorial Award in Composition and the Bonnie Pillsbury Brooke Prize in Music.

# WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please speak to the pastor at the close of the service.

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# SAVE THE DATE!

The **Annual Church Picnic** will be held on Wednesday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m. at Don Fox Community Park.

Fried chicken, drinks, plastic ware, and paper goods will be provided. Bring a covered dish and join the fellowship.

WE WELCOME the Rev. Stacy Rector to the pulpit today. Stacy is the Executive Director of Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. She is a native of Dyersburg, Tennessee, and a graduate of Rhodes College and Columbia Theological Seminary. She also currently serves on the Peacemaking and Outreach committees for the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee and on the board of People of Faith Against the Death Penalty.

Sherard Edington has been on vacation with his family this week. He will return to the office on Tuesday.

THANK YOU to everyone for providing the summer food for the Wilson County Schools. School is back in session, so remember that more food is needed. The school can use peanut butter, Slim Jim, pop top canned foods, Rice Krispy treats, Pop Tarts, easy Mac and Cheese, and other easy to open and eat snacks.

**VANGOES**—The VanGoes trip on Wednesday has been cancelled.

#### YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) –The next youth meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the church picnic. Regular meetings will resume on October 5 at 6:00 p.m.

This Week at FPC				
Today		Wednesday		
9:00 a.m.	Church School	9:00 a.m.	Van Goes Trip	
10:00 a.m.	Worship	6:00 p.m.	Brown Bag	
11:15 a.m.	Personnel Comm.	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice	
Monday		Thursday		
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group	9:00 a.m.	Preschool	
4:00 p.m.	Building Comm.	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts	
Tuesday		Friday		
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Saturday		
6:00 p.m.	AA Group-Annex	2:00 p.m.	Buckner/Hughes	
			Wedding	

	ELDERS	
Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Jessica Fain	Max Carter	Jackie Cowden
Mickey Stueck	Frank Reeves	Tracey Hay
Lee Lyle	David Foutch	
-	Wayne Patton	
	DIACONATE	
Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024

Jack Emmert Margaret Carroll Jonathan Bouton
Marilyn Peyton Mark Fain Carol Turner
Laura Simmons Carol Benson Van Turner
Margaret Ann Trail Pat Hatcher Sandra Weatherford

## **CHURCH COMMITTEES**

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Robin Orewiler
Budget & Finance – Frank Reeves
Buildings and Grounds – Tracey Hay
Christian Education – Max Carter
Congregational Care – Mickey Stueck
Outreach – Jessica Fain
Personnel – Jackie Cowden
Worship – Wayne Patton

#### **STAFF**

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation
Pastor – Sherard Edington
Director of Music/Organist – Darryl Nettles
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins
Nursery – Sara Brown
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children Adult
Nursery Crossroads Class
Preschool – 1st Grade Faith Builders Class
Elementary Class
Westminster Class
Middle- High School Class
Women's Class

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