

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 21, 2022

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

"Duke Street"

Setting J. Mansfield

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Laura Hall, Liturgist

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

People: **May all that is within us, bless God's holy name.**

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

People: **Praise to the Lord, who redeems our lives from the grave**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul; the Lord, who is merciful and gracious.

People: **The Lord, who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: Bless the Lord,

People: **Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

*HYMN #31

"Love Divine"

C. Wesley/J. Zundel

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land, pollute the seas, and betray our poor stewardship of your good gifts. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. (time for silent confession). Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the gospel:

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As God in Christ forgives us, let us forgive one another.
The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share the Peace of Christ.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*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; 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Holy Spirit”

Arr. L. Leatherman

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

KID'S CHURCH (5th grade and younger)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Psalm 103:1-14

ANTHEM

“The Love of God”

J. Noble/Arr. H. Ades

SECOND READING:

I Corinthians 12:27 – 13:13

SERMON

“Smack Dab in the Middle”

Dr. Walker

*HYMN #137

“The Bond of Love”

O. Skillings

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Triumphal March”

G. F. Händel

(*) *We stand as we are able.*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the wedding of Philip Long and Dr. Lindsey Wells
from Jop, Paul and Aaron Long.*

Announcements

Sunday, August 21 at 12:15 p.m. CORNERSTONES TO TALLAHASSEE

Tuesday, August 23 at Noon CONGREGATIONAL CARE MEETING

Tuesday, August 23 at 6 p.m. SESSION MEETING

Wednesday, August 24 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER

Thursday, August 25 at 11 a.m. CORNERSTONES LUNCH ON THE ROAD

Tuesday, August 30 at 6:30 p.m. DAD'S NIGHT OUT

Wednesday, August 31 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER & YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT

Thursday, September 1 at 6 p.m. YOUTH BOWLING NIGHT

Sunday, September 4 at 8:30 a.m. MEN'S BREAKFAST (at 1st Pres)

Sunday, September 4 NO KID'S & YOUTH PROGRAMS

Monday, September 5 OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

“WHAT GIFT DID YOU GET?”

Not a birthday gift. Not a Christmas gift. What SPIRITUAL gift do you get?

Would you like to open it and see?

Then come and join us for the Adult Program at WATCH beginning this Wednesday.

We'll spend four weeks helping one another to discover what gift the Holy Spirit has given each person. Then, we will prayerfully discern how God is calling us to use these to build up the whole church, the body of Christ. Expect to be active, busy, prayerful, surprised, humbled, and inspired as you join us for this holy endeavor. It starts this Wednesday at WATCH.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEACON OF THE MONTH: Scott Johnson

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Chuck Bannister

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

When: Sunday Sept 4th

Where: Presbyterian Church
501 First St SE Fellowship Hall

Time: 8:30 AM

All Men - All Ages are welcomed to attend

Speaker:

Dale Rickett - Literacy Mentor Coordinator

Call Jim Soos (229-891-0612) to let us know you are coming.

KIDS & YOUTH

SUN. 10 a.m.

Kid's Ministry: Gospel According to The Lion King

(Open to all PreK-5th graders)

Youth Ministry: Gospel According to Harry Potter

(Open to all 6th-12th graders)

WED. 6:30 p.m.

Kid's Ministry WATCH Series Begins:

Acts of the Apostles: Living a Life of Discipleship

(Open to all PreK-5th graders, following Wed. supper.)

WATCH SUPPER *Make your reservations now!*

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

MENU for AUGUST 24, 2022

EVERYONE: Bacon, Sausage and Egg Casserole, Bacon and Egg Casserole, Grits, Biscuits, Sweet Rolls, Juice, Fruit

Name/Family: _____

Permanent Reservation: _____ This week only: _____

How many? Regular _____ Diet: _____ Children: _____