

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 9, 2022

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

“Unto Thee O Lord”

F. Aulbach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Henry Klar, Liturgist

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

People: Our souls long, indeed they faint, for the courts of the Lord;

Leader: May our hearts and our flesh sing for joy to the living God.

People: Happy are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise.

*HYMN #131

“The Church’s One Foundation”

S. Stone/S. Wesley

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (time for silent confession) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, hear and believe the gospel:

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share the Peace of Christ with one another.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

KID'S CHURCH (5th grade and younger)

STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION

Judd Lasseter

Stewardship Campaign Co-Chair

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Luke 4:14-16, 6:46-49

ANTHEM "You Are My All in All" D. Jerrigan /L. Larson

SECOND READING: Haggai 1:15-2:9

SERMON "Why Build a Church?" Dr. Walker

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Adapted from The Theological Declaration of Barmen (1934)*

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brothers and sisters in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church were permitted to abandon the form of its message and order to its own pleasure or to changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions. "Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body is joined and knit together." This we affirm and profess, as brothers and sisters in the Christian Church.

*HYMN #340 "The Solid Rock"/My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less Mote/Bradbury

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in memory of our parents Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Monroe Flowers
and Judge and Mrs. William Cooper Peters,
by Debbie and Click Peters.*

Announcements

Monday, October 10 at 7 p.m. PW EVENING CIRCLE

Tuesday, October 11 at 10 a.m. PW MORNING CIRCLE

Tuesday, October 11 at 5:30 p.m. MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 12 at NOON FINANCE MEETING

Wednesday, October 12 at 4 p.m. PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - Vereen Parlor

Wednesday, October 12 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER

Thursday, October 13 at 10 a.m. PRE-K RUTLAND FARMS TRIP

Thursday, October 13 at 2 p.m. CHURCH OFFICE WILL CLOSE EARLY

Saturday, October 15 at 11 a.m. CORNERSTONES – TRIP TO SEE “SWAMP GRAVY”

Sunday, October 16 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN – 2nd Sunday

Monday, October 17 at NOON CORNERSTONES MEETING

Wednesday, October 19 THERE WILL BE NO WATCH SUPPER

Thursday & Friday, October 20 & 21 CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

The choir has begun rehearsals for the Christmas Cantata planned for Sunday, Dec. 11th.

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our Stewardship Campaign theme for this year is **“Using God’s Good Gifts to Make a Difference”** and Stewardship co-chairs Judd Lasseter & Laura Perry Johnson are asking you to prayerfully consider making a commitment in the form of a pledge for 2023. In order to be able to support the personnel and operations of the church, it takes resources and our gifts are the only source of income for our church. **Blank pledge cards are available on the lobby table and you can turn in completed cards at the office. Pledge/Commitment Sunday will be Nov. 6,** but we encourage you to turn in your pledge anytime this month during the Stewardship Campaign.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEACON OF THE MONTH: Katie Cato

ELDER OF THE MONTH: David Zeanah

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY RE-STARTS THIS WED.

All folks with willing hands and hearts are invited to join us **Wed, Oct. 12, from 4:00-5:30 pm** in the church parlor. No experience necessary. Shawls or blankets can be knitted, crocheted, woven or quilted. They are created with love and prayers for the future recipient whether known or unknown. Please join us in this ministry of sharing God's love with those in need of encouragement. You will be blessed and you will be a blessing. *Starting in November, regular meetings will be on the first Wed.*

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

EVENING CIRCLE: **Monday, October 10 at 7 p.m.** Dr. Shirley Chandler's house, 135 Southlake Dr.

MORNING CIRCLE: **Tuesday, October 11 at 10 a.m.** in Vereen Parlor

The Tuesday Morning Circle is beginning a new study of the Gospel of John! Debbie Peters and Zoe Campbell will be our hostesses. We'd love to have anyone interested to join us!

SIGN UP FOR THE 2023 FLOWER CHART

Holly Beard is working on the flower chart for 2023. If you are interested in a particular Sunday, please call or text her at 229-798-0669. Dates will be first come, first serve.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR PRESBYTERY MISSIONS

MFPC has been asked to support Flint River Presbytery's Mission Committee by recruiting a volunteer to serve on the committee for a one-year term. Please call the church office if you are interested. **229-985-3158**

WATCH SUPPER: Wed. at 5:30 p.m. *Make your reservations!*

MENU for OCTOBER 12, 2022

REGULAR/CHILDREN: Fried Chicken, Livers, Gizzards, White Peas, Creamed Corn, Harvard Beets, Rolls, Watergate Salad

DIET: Baked Chicken, Steamed Vegetables, Salad Bar

DESSERTS: Blueberry Citrus Cake, Key Lime Cake, Cookies, Ice Cream

Name/Family: _____

Permanent Reservation: _____ This week only: _____

How many? Regular _____ Diet: _____ Children: _____