

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 4, 2022

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” Arr. H.H. Hopson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Brooks Sheldon, Liturgist

Leader: We do not proclaim ourselves;

People: We proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord

Leader: And ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.

People: For God has shone in our hearts to give knowledge of the glory of God.

Leader: Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

***HYMN #32**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Watts/Arr. Croft

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God who formed our inward parts and knows our hearts, forgive us. Instead of acknowledging you as our God, we make our own idols. Instead of proclaiming Jesus Christ as our Lord, we proclaim ourselves. Instead of turning to the Holy Spirit, we attempt to attain your way through our own understanding. Redirect our wrong ways and lead us to the ways that make Jesus visible in our lives. Amen.
(time for silent confession)

***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.

***HYMN #393**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Palmer/Mason

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Jordan"

Arr. D.N. Johnson

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

NO KID'S CHURCH TODAY

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 18:1-11

ANTHEM

"A Clean Heart"

B. Harlan

SECOND READING:

Luke 14:25-33

SERMON

"Radical Discipleship"

Mr. Grant Wright

Guest Preacher

***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.

***HYMN #445**

"Have Thine Own Way"

Pollard/Stebbing

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern"

A. Reinhard

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

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Jerry's mother Virginia Louise Stoneman Pionessa
and in celebration of the anniversary of her birthday on September 4th
by Jerry & Evelyn Pionessa.*

Announcements

Sunday, September 4 NO KID'S & YOUTH PROGRAMS TODAY

Monday, September 5 OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

Wednesday, September 7 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER

Sunday, September 11 at 8:30 a.m. DEACON'S MEETING

Monday, September 12 at 10 a.m. PW BOARD MEETING in the parlor

Monday, September 12 at 7 p.m. PW EVENING CIRCLE at Shirley Chandler's

Tuesday, September 13 at 10 a.m. PW MORNING CIRCLE in the parlor

Tuesday, September 13 at 5:30 p.m. MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 14 at Noon FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 14 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

BOARD MEETING: Monday, September 12 at 10 a.m. in the Vereen Parlor.

**EVENING CIRCLE: Monday, September 12 at 7 p.m. Dr. Shirley Chandler's house,
135 Southlake Dr. (Study chapters 13 & 14 in our book about James)**

MORNING CIRCLE: Tuesday, September 13 at 10 a.m. in the Vereen Parlor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEACON OF THE MONTH: Laura Hall

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Charmaine Johnson

BUY YOUR TICKETS FOR THE MISSIONS DINNER

12 noon - 1:00 p.m., SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

\$10 per ticket

You can purchase tickets in the office
or from a Missions Committee member.

EAT IN or TAKE OUT

Menu: Fried Chicken, Creamed Corn, Green Beans, Roll, Peach Cobbler

Ticket sales/donations will benefit the Fellowship for Disadvantaged Peoples in Bangladesh which assists needy people of the Ridgebury District through library access, educational training, evangelism and discipleship.

HELPING HANDS COLLECTION BOX

First Presbyterian Church is collecting new books and toys through the end of this month – they do not have enough volunteers to clean used ones - and small blankets for the Children's Cheer (Christmas) Toy Shoppe. Put your donations in the large cream-colored box in the Fellowship Hall. The Toy Shoppe serves around 2000 children each year, including those in foster care.

WATCH SUPPER *Make your reservations now!*

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

MENU for SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

REGULAR/CHILDREN: Spaghetti, Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Greek Salad

DIET: Baked Chicken, Steamed Vegetables, Salad Bar,

DESSERTS: Lemon Bars, Candy Bar Brownies, Cookies, Ice Cream

Name/Family: _____

Permanent Reservation: _____ This week only: _____

How many? Regular _____ Diet: _____ Children: _____