

ORDER OF WORSHIP

16th Sunday After Pentecost
Presbyterian Hunger Education
Christian Formation Week begins
Christian Formation Celebration Sunday

September 8, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Pat Nash

PRELUDE:

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the response.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: **Christ told us to love our neighbors as ourselves,**

People: **we shall show Christ's love to all.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*PRAISE CHORUS:

Hymn No. 1 *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"* vs. 1 NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed trinity!

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** **Holy Lord, maker of us all, You call us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Open us to the opportunities for ministry that lie before us, where faith and words and the need of our neighbor come together in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior Amen.**

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 625 *"O Lord My God"* HOW GREAT THOU ART

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

Let us pray together

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of mercy and healing, You who hear cries of those in need, receive these petitions of Your people that all who are troubled may know peace, comfort, and courage. We try to hear the calls of those in need and respond with Your love, but many times we cannot hear their cries at all. Help us to hear and respond to those in need and forgive us when we choose not to respond. (Say – “Please pray silently,” and after about 20 seconds, say,) In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 694 “*Great God of Every Blessing*” vs. 2 AURELIA
Your word is my salvation, the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending Your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
sincerely and completely I offer You my heart.

You may be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUTH It is now time for youth, so would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION O God, Wisdom of the universe, You bear the pain of Your people. Grant us the gift of wisdom, that we may discern Your way and live justly and graciously amid the struggles of this world. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 146 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

People: When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

People: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keep faith forever;

Leader: who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

People: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

Leader: **The Lord watches over the strangers; He upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.**

People: The Lord will reign forever, Your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS We have 2 Old Testament Lessons today. The first one comes from Isaiah 35:4-7a, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 663 of the Old Testament. The 2nd Lesson comes from Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, and 22-23 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 604

Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

22A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.

²The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.

⁸Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.

⁹Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

²²Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate;

²³for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Mark 7:24-37 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 42-43 of the New Testament

Mark 7:24-37

²⁴From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 203 “*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*” CHEREPONI

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

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.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 “*Glory Be to the Father*” GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen, amen.

You may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

OFFERTORY:

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
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.

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God, we give thee only what You have first given us. Make us thankful for Your generous gifts and make us generous with those around us. We pray in the name of the Almighty. Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

* **HYMN** No. 408 “*There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*” SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (A congregational meeting is to be considered an act of worship. Pastor Janet will say a prayer to close the worship part of the service and open the meeting. Guests and visitors are invited to adjourn to the Fellowship Hall for the Pot-Luck Lunch following the worship service. At the conclusion of the meeting, Pastor Janet will give the benediction and pass the peace.)

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 80 *"You Shall Go Out with Joy"* THE TREES OF THE FIELD

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and the all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their
hands.**

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:**

***Those who are able may stand.**

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Please join us for Refreshments
in the Opportunity Corner
Following the Worship Service

Daily Bread

Supplement

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CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY AND GLASSES FOR THE LIONS CLUB

We will continue to collect clothes for the needy and glasses for the Lions Club. Please bring in your donations and put them in the designated places in the Opportunity Corner.

HEARING ASSIST UNITS

Thanks to Barry Krueger we now have Hearing Assist Units. If you would like to use one, they are available on the counter in the sanctuary kitchen.

DESOTO FOOD PANTRY

DeSoto Food Pantry needs the help of the community to continue to feed the less fortunate in our city. The best way to help is through monetary donations. \$1 can buy as much as \$7 worth of food. They buy their food through the North Texas Food Bank, so it is much cheaper than buying food at a grocery store. However, all donations are welcome and appreciated. Thank you to all that continue to donate to this great cause.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY

10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY – Annual Congregational Meeting

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session
Our Troops
Joe and Lorrinda Alexander
Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray
Jim Glander
Martha Brashear – continued prayers
The church and nation of Ukraine
Makia’s people in Cameroon
Gene Knox and Jewell Victorino
DeSoto Food Pantry
Prayers for the people in Nigeria
Max Jewell is at home, but needs our continued prayers as he is still recovering
Chikezie is very weak
Bryan’s mom
Christians in Pakistan
Janet
The Israel-Hamas War
Prayers for those who are hungry and without clean drinking water
People all over the world are hungry, not just for food, but for the word of God.
Joan Christy is still recovering in a nursing/rehabilitation home.
Alice Anne has a good friend, Jeremy, who is in the hospital and needs our prayers
Makia and Mireille’s niece is looking for a job in this area
Steve Perry has an infection on his leg
Bill Gast had a massive heart attack and had 3 stents put in
Cori’s mom is looking for a new job
Michael Kennedy is in the hospital after having 2 surgeries
Baby Miller was born with a heart defect and needs open heart surgery
Heidi and Ivan had a neighbor that lost his life in a car accident, prayers for his family
Mike Keffer hurt himself

CELEBRATIONS

Tiffany is moving to Washington D.C. to start her new job.
It’s great to have so many visitors