

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly cares, but to love that which is above, and even now, while we live among transient things, to hold fast to those things that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Duo”

Louis Clerambault

Call to Worship

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing!

Announce the grace of God in word, song, and deed.

* Hymn 619

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you call us to live abundant and generous lives.

Forgive us for the ways we have allowed our souls to be twisted out of shape.

We trust too much in our own abilities, leaving no room for your grace.

We push ahead of our neighbors, pursuing our needs before theirs.

We exclude those you love whom we deem insignificant.

We spend our affluence to separate, rather than build relationships.

We use our power to dominate, rather than to heal and empower.

Have mercy on us.

Set us free from our worst impulses,

that we might find our lives by following you.

We pray in the name of Jesus who has given his life for us and for all.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 581

“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.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter: Psalm 124 (Hymnal 330)

A Time with Children

Second Lesson: Mark 9:38-50 (NT, p. 45)

Sermon: "We Are in This Together"

Fall Series: How Shall We Reconstitute the Church?

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 733

"We All Are One in Mission"

The Sacrament of Baptism (Hymnal, p. 14)

Presentation of Bodhi Dempsey

* Affirmation of Faith: 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.

Minute for Peacemaking

Offering

Offertory

"Basse de Cromorne"

Louis Clerambault

Prayers of the People and 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.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 766

"The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

"Rigaudon"

Andre Campra

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers are given by Marie and Dick Cochrane to the Glory of God in celebration of their 29th wedding anniversary.

Church Family Announcements

Thank you for joining us for Worship. We worship every Sunday in two ways!

- **Have you had your vaccines?** [Make a reservation with our office](#) (570-586-6306) and join us in person at 10:00 a.m.
- **Tune in online** for our weekly service, which is broadcast live on [our video page on YouTube](#) and archived for later viewing on the same site.

The sanctuary is always open for prayer whenever the building is open.

We are looking for morning volunteers in the office, to answer phones, welcome visitors, and assist with light office tasks (typing, proofreading, etc.). The hours are from 9 a.m. to noon, and occasionally for a few hours in the afternoon. Volunteers can work weekly, monthly, or on call. Want to get out of the house and do something meaningful? We would love to have you on the team. Free coffee and occasional donuts provided. To sign up, [send an email to Nancy](#), phone us (570-586-6306), or drop by when we are open.

We are ready to **welcome new members** to the church. Want to join us officially? A discussion will take place this morning following worship at the front of the sanctuary.

Christian Education Information

Confirmation Class is being offered this year. If you are (or know of) a student in grades 7-12 who is ready to dig deeper in their faith and learn what it means to belong to the church, you can join our confirmation class. Please contact the church office or Jana Schillinger to let us know if you would like to participate. Classes will be held on Sundays at 11:15 a.m. beginning October 3.

The W.A.Y. meets on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. Education and Music for All God's People



The Christian Education committee is excited to offer **in person classes** for the WAY this fall. As we continue to find “normal” and with caution regarding continuing COVID concerns, we will hold a simplified, program through September. While we hope to return to our full WAY programming soon, for now we will meet at 6:15 each Wednesday. *We hope to see you there!*

Grace & Faith & Music (4 years old - Grade 5): Join us for a **combined music and CE** class! Children will hear stories from the Bible and learn about God’s amazing love for them while also singing classic children’s Bible songs. The children typically participate in worship once a month. Children will sing, play instruments, lead worship, and more. *Make a joyful noise to the Lord as you grow in grace and faith!* Meets in Room 108.

We Believe (Grades 6 and up): Our older students are exploring a unit called *Knowing God*. Students will continue to explore faith questions, learning more about God and our own faith. Meets in Room 209.

Adults: Mark's Clueless Disciples: We continue to learn more about the disciples' foibles and follies sequentially through Mark's 16 chapters, hoping to get to know them, ourselves, and Jesus all the better. Meets in Room 206.

Adult Choir - Wednesdays - 7:15-8:15: Our adult choir program has resumed. This fall we will begin by singing easy hymns and work toward more challenging music as the year progresses. Students in 9th Grade to adults 99+ are welcome. Don't have much of a music reading ability? Don't worry; our singers support one another in and out of the church.



Bell Choir – Wednesdays - 8:30-9:15, beginning on October 6: The Bell Choir is always looking for new members to ring throughout the year. Students in 9th Grade to adults 99+ are welcome to join this ensemble. Some music reading ability is recommended as the bell choir performs some challenging music. The bell choir typically performs once a month in service but rehearses weekly.

Worship through Service is TODAY!

“Your mission, should you choose to accept it . . .”

Groups will gather in this building to

- *prepare “Thinking of You” packages (Room 206), and*
- *work on quilts for the homeless (Fellowship Hall).*

Several people will be

- *clearing brush and trees around the property, and*
- *will be travel to pre-arranged locations to sing to some of our senior members.*

Today, items collected for Safety Net and Clarks Summit State Hospital will be packaged for delivery.

It's not to late to lend a hand. Check it out before you leave today.

“PEACE IS ACTIVE, not passive,

PEACE IS DOING, not waiting.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.”

Worship is Getting "Closer to Normal"

Our leadership continues to encourage us to wear masks during worship. We welcome to in-person worship all who have been fully vaccinated, all children who attend school, as well as all children whose parents have been fully vaccinated.

- Mask-wearing and temperature checks will continue to occur until further notice.
- You may sit wherever you wish.
- You are welcome, and invited, to sing . . . *while wearing your mask.*
- Reservations continue to be requested. However, we do have more flexibility now. If you forget to reserve a spot, you may still attend.

Meetings this week:

Sunday, September 26	10 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11 a.m.	Service Projects	
	11 a.m.	New Member meeting	Front of Sanctuary
Tuesday, September 28	7 p.m.	Deacons	Room 206
Wednesday, September 29	9 a.m.	Presbyter mailing	Room 206
	10:30 a.m.	Prayer and Share	Room 209
	6:15 p.m.	THE WAY	
		Children age 4 to Grade 5	Room 108
		Children grades 6 and up	Room 209
		Adults class	Room 206
	7:15 p.m.	Adult Choir	Sanctuary
Sunday, October 3		World Communion Sunday	
	10 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
		Reception of new members	
	11:15 a.m.	Confirmation	Room 206

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher	Rev. William Carter
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Jay Clymer
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Ushers	Diana Pope-Albright, Erika Handerson

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