

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR AUGUST 13, 2023

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT 184 *Calm to the Waves* CALM SEAS

Gathering Around The Word

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Gen. 37:28; Ps. 105:17; Matt. 14:30-31*

One: God lifts us from death to life
and preserves us for God's purposes
through the compassion of
Jesus Christ our Lord
and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

All: **With thanksgiving, praise the Lord!**

*HYMN 159 *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem* KINGSFOLD

CALL TO CONFESSION *from Rom. 10:12*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*) *from Gen.37:2-4,18-27;*

Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us! *Ps.105:17-18;*

We are intimidated by our circumstances, *Matt.14:26, 30-32*

**distracted from your purposes,
drowning in doubts and fears.**

**We are presumptuous about your will,
belittling others and magnifying ourselves.**

**We envy the blessings of others,
secretly despising their dreams.**

**We have hardened our hearts
to the suffering of our brothers and sisters,**

**feeding ourselves in face of the injustice
that holds them captive.**

**Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts,
lift us from sin and help us to walk with you
in faith, humility, and brotherly-sisterly love.**

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *from Gen. 37:15-17, 28; Ps. 105:16-22;
Rom. 10:11,13; Matt. 14:31*

Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all, restores all through our
Lord Jesus Christ. No one who believes in him will be put to shame,
for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

All: **Alleluia! Amen.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.

**for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit*

*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, amen.**

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD *from Ps. 105:3-22;
Matt. 14:22-29*

FIRST READING ROMANS 10:5-15
(The scripture readings can be found on the side panel of the bulletin)

ANTHEM 721 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* PESCADOR DE
HOMBRES

SECOND READING MATTHEW 14:22-33

SERMON "Walking on Water" Rev. Dr. Mike Ward

Responding to the Word

*HYMN 834 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* PRECIOUS LORD

*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;

on 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 life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS

See prayer concerns list, back page

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM

*Christ has freely given us the gift of
grace and salvation.*

*Let us therefore freely bring our generous
gifts of gratitude to him.*

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *from Gen. 37:28; Ps. 105:16-17;
Rom. 10:12,15*

God Sends Us Forth

*HYMN 353 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION *from Rom. 10:8,12,14-15*

*BLESSING *from Ps. 105:18-22; Rom. 10:12,14-15; Matt. 14:31*

HYMN 539 *We Will Go Out with Joy* (vrs1&3) WE WILL GO
OUT WITH JOY

POSTLUDE

Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us a little about yourself!
You can scan this QR code with your
smartphone to fill out our online form.
We would love to get to know you better!



This Week

Tue., Aug. 15 @ 5:30pm - Earth Care Meeting

Wed., Aug. 16 @ 5:30pm - Welcome Back Fellowship Meal

Wed., Aug. 16 @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice

Thur., Aug. 17 @ 4:00pm - Deacon Meeting

Thur., Aug. 17 @ 5:45pm - Centering Prayer

Thur., Aug. 17 @ 6:00pm - Session Meeting

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Jane Evans

Ushers.....Jo & Jimmy Salmon

Sound.....Terry Randall

Coffee Plus.....Erin Stephens

First Reading—Romans 10:5-15

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Second Reading—Matthew 14:22-33

²²Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Updated Edition



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Autumn Brock’s mom, Marie; Mary Beth Waller’s mom, Wilma Boyd; Carol Prater; Jennifer Williams; the family of Tana Young, Erin Stephen’s mom; Cathy Wright and family in the passing of her father; Rebecca Davis; Richard Wright’s sister Peggy; Glenda Wilson; Pat Carpenter; Dave Fraley and family; Nora Harp; Jared and Ann Hines; Jack Reynold’s children; Bill House; Ed & Joyce Mick; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

| | Rec’d month of July | Needed Monthly | Received YTD | Needed YTD |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| Pledged Offering | \$13,455 | \$13,934 | \$94,141 | \$97,536 |
| Non-Pledged | \$4,785 | \$3,154 | \$28,396 | \$22,080 |

Assisting in Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Paula Burlew
Ushers.....Autumn & Forrest Brock
Sound.....Sue Guffey
Coffee Plus.....Cindy Fountain
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Preacher.....The Rev. Dr. Mike Ward

Deacons:

Paula Burlew Eileen Stockham Carol Prater
 Cindy Fountain Mary Beth Waller Stephanie Ousley

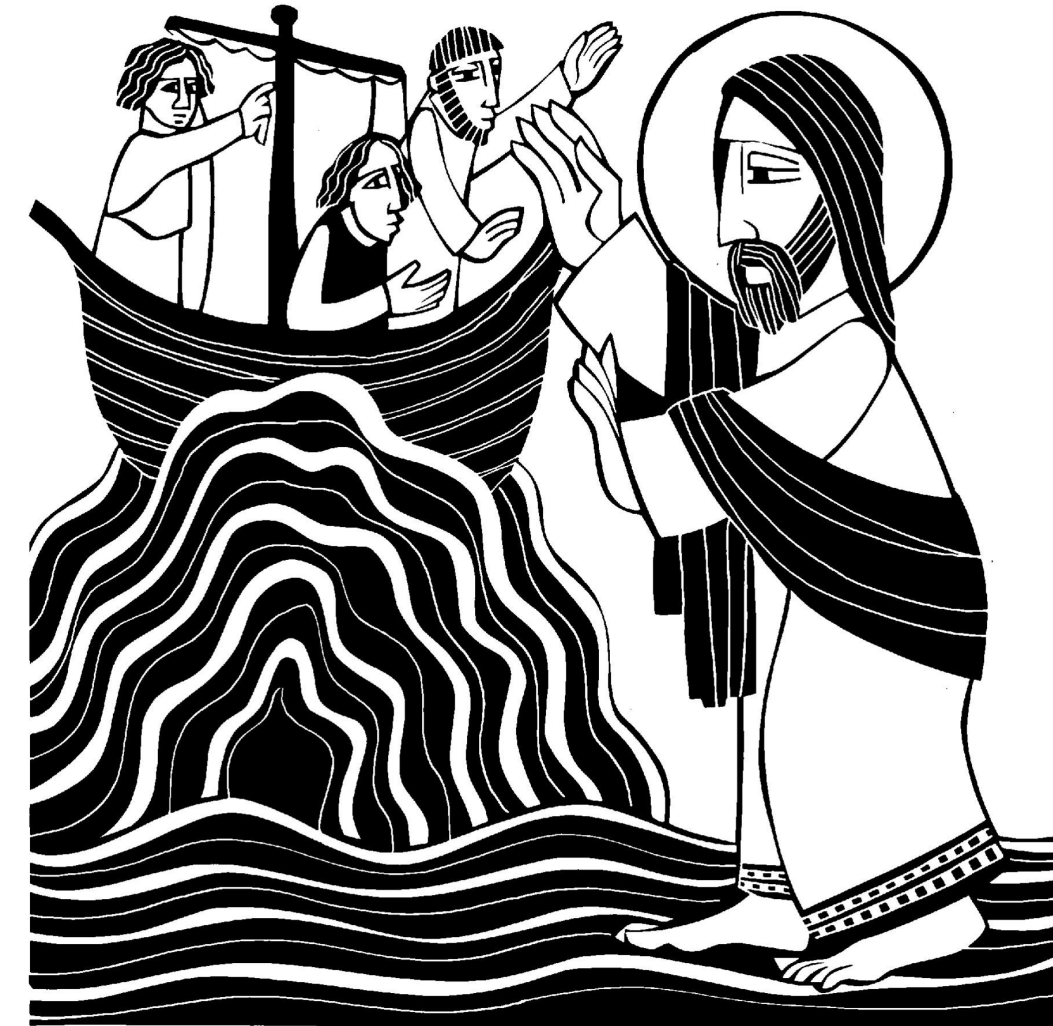
Elders:

Class of 2023 *Class of 2024* *Class of 2025*
 Forrest Brock Charles Leveridge Kelly Joplin
 Kimberly King Zack Vaught Sharon Mandt
 Chris Phillips John Wright Perry Waller

First Presbyterian Church

August 13th, 2023

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost



Miller, Mary Jane. Peter Walking on Water, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=59763> [retrieved August 9, 2023]. Original source: Mary Jane Miller, <https://www.millericons.com/>.

People of God, Welcome Home!

May Christ’s peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.