

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR SEPT. 10, 2023

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT 720 *Jesus Calls Us (vrs. 1 & 4)* GALILEE

Gathering Around The Word

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise the Lord.

All: **We will praise the Lord in the council of the upright and in the assembly.**

One: Great are the works of the Lord;

All: **they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

*HYMN 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* NICAEA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Almighty God, Gracious Lord,
you love us but we do not always love you.
You call, but we do not listen.
We go along with evil, prejudice, strife and greed.
Help us to face ourselves, turn to you,
repent, and receive your forgiveness
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *from Rom. 8:34*

One: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel:
Who is in a position to condemn?

All: **Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us;
Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.**

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

All: **in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

*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.**

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

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING JEREMIAH 29:4-13
(The scripture readings can be found on the side panel of the bulletin)

ANTHEM 350 *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* AFRICAN
AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

SECOND READING PHILIPPIANS 4:4-13

SERMON *"Find Hope - Discover Life!"* Rev. Jim Gilbert

Responding to the Word

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

*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 *page 35 in hymnal*

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM *from Ps. 149:2-3*

*Let us be glad in our Maker and rejoice in our King.
Let us praise God's name with dancing and music;
let us bring to God our tithes and offerings.*

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 Matt. 18:20*

God Sends Us Forth

*HYMN 697 *Take My Life* HENDON

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION *from Rom. 13:12-14*

*BLESSING

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

TODAY! @ 4:00pm - Interracial Dialogue
Wed., Sept. 13 @ 12:00pm - Packing Food Boxes at GFP
Wed., Sept. 13 @ 4:30pm - Mission Committee Meeting
Wed., Sept. 13 @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice
Thur., Sept. 14 @ 5:45pm - Centering Prayer
Thur., Sept. 14 @ 6:00pm - Session Meeting
**Sat., Sept. 16 @ 9:30am - Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering @
Camp Burnamwood**

Looking Ahead

Sun., Sept. 17 - No Coffee Plus or Sunday School
Sun., Sept. 17 @ 11:00am - Worship @ Somersport Shelter 1
Sun., Sept. 17 @ 12:00pm - Picnic
Wed., Sept. 20 @ 5:30pm - Fellowship Meal

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Hannah Vaught & Brenda Wesley
Ushers.....Fall Picnic!
Sound.....Fall Picnic!
Coffee Plus.....none

First Reading—Jeremiah 29:4-13

⁴Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. ⁸For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to your dreams that you dream, ⁹for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord.

¹⁰For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹²Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart,

Second Reading—Philippians 4:4-13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me but had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹Not that I am referring to being in need, for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. ¹²I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Updated Edition



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Emilee Barber; Austin West; Rogelio Castillo; David Bosh; Don Haney; Alice Harrison; Pauline & Bill House's son, Jack Wood; Autumn Brock's mom, Marie; Jennifer Williams; Rebecca Davis; Richard Wright's sister, Peggy; Glenda Wilson; Pat Carpenter; 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.....Susie Lackey
Ushers.....Erin Stephens & Marshall Judy
Sound.....Josh Jones
Coffee Plus.....Jo Salmon
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Preacher.....Rev. Jim Gilbert

Deacons:

Paula Burlew Eileen Stockham Carol Prater
 Cindy Fountain Mary Beth Waller

Elders:

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

First Presbyterian Church

September 10th, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost



Bellini, Giovanni, 1426?-1516. Saint Francis in the Desert, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=54928> [retrieved September 7, 2023]. Original source: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Giovanni_Bellini_-_Saint_Francis_in_the_Desert_-_Google_Art_Project.jpg.

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.