# SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** Handbells: I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY Arr. Bill Ingram

**INTROIT 726** 

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

# **Gathering Around The Word**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP from Ps. 105:1-3

One: O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;

All: We make known his deeds among all people.

One: Sing to him,

All: We sing praises to him and tell of all his wonderful works.

One: Let us worship God.

\*HYMN 372 O for a World **AZMON** 

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

from Matt. 16:23-26

God of mercy,

we confess that, like the disciples,

we set our minds not on divine things

but on human things.

Doubting your loving care, we grab for

more than we need.

Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink

from living as your followers.

Doubting your loving plan, we become

stumbling blocks in your creation.

Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. Amen.

# **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

from Matt. 16:24-26

One: Jesus took up his cross for our salvation. In return for our old life of sin, he promises a new life of grace. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Amen.

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

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

### \*RESPONSE 581

GIORIA 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

from Exod. 3:4

# FIRST READING

PSALM 105:4-6, 23-26, 45B

(The scripture readings can be found on the side panel of the bulletin)

ANTHEM 727 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant THE SERVANT SONG

**SECOND READING** 

MATTHEW 16:21-28

**SERMON** 

"The Great Reversal"

Rev. Mike Chamberlain

# Responding to the Word

\*HYMN 833

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

### \*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

from Rom. 12:11

The apostle Paul encourages us:

do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. In loving service to this loving Lord,

we now return to God a portion of the bounty God has provided.

### **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 Exod. 3:5, 11–12

# God Sends Us Forth

\*HYMN 761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

**BEECHER** 

# \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*BLESSING

HYMN Irish Blessing

inside back cover of hymnal

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! @ 12:00pm - Congregation Input into Pastor Search and Pizza lunch

**Tue., Sept. 5** @ 5:00pm - Christian Education Committee

Wed., Sept. 6 @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice

Thur., Sept. 7 @ 4:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting

Thur., Sept. 7 @ 5:45pm - Centering Prayer

Sat., Sept. 9 @ 10:30am - Needle Worker's Group

# **Worship Assistants Next Week**

Liturgist	Susie Lackey
<b>Ushers</b>	Erin Stephens & Marshall Judy
Sound	Josh Jones
Coffee Plus	Jo Salmoi

# First Reading—Psalm 105:4-6, 23-26, 45b

- Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.
- Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,
- O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
- Then Israel came to Egypt;

  Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.
- And the Lord made his people very fruitful and made them stronger than their foes,
- whose hearts he then turned to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.
- He sent his servant Moses and Aaron, whom he had chosen.
- <sup>45b</sup> Praise the Lord!

# Second Reading—Matthew 16:21-28

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup>"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."



# **Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing**

David Bosh; Don Haney; the family of Mike Mink; Alice Harrison; Pauline & Bill House's son, Jack Wood; the family of Faustine Norfleet; Autumn Brock's mom, Marie; Mary Beth Waller's mom, Wilma Boyd; Carol Prater; Jennifer Williams; the family of Tana Young, Erin Stephens and family in the passing of her mother; Rebecca Davis; Richard Wright's sister Peggy; Glenda Wilson; Pat Carpenter; 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	Nina Wilhelm
Ushers	Paula Burlew & Mary Jones
Sound	Sue Guffey
Coffee Plus	Suzanne Kidd
Director of Music	Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ	Debby McDonald
Preacher	Rev. Mike Chamberlain

Paula Burlew Cindy Fountain	<b>Deacons:</b> Eileen Stockham Mary Beth Waller	Carol Prater Stephanie Ousley			
<u>Elders:</u>					
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

# September 3rd, 2023 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost



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# 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.