

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR OCT. 22, 2023

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT 469 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying CHILDREN PRAYING

Gathering Around The Word

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Exod. 33:12, 14, 19

One: Lord, you have welcomed us, saying,
"I know you by name, and you have found favor with me."

One: Lord, you have promised us,
"My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

One:: Lord, you have blessed us, saying,
"I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you."

One: Lord, you have humbled us, saying,
"I will proclaim my holy name in your presence."

All: Lord, show us your glory! We worship you!

*HYMN 716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending BEACH SPRING

CALL TO CONFESSION from Exod. 33:19

PRAYER OF CONFESSION from Ps. 99:1-4

One: The Lord reigns!

All: Majestic God, do we tremble in awe before you?

One: The Lord reigns!

All: Worthy God, have we raised your name in praise?

One: The Lord reigns!

All: Sovereign God, have we executed justice?

One: The Lord reigns!

All: We bow before you, holy God.

Forgive us.

Cleanse us.

Free us.

In the strong name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON from Exod. 33:21, 22

One: The Lord said to Moses: There is a place near me where you may stand upon a rock. When my glory passes by, I'll put you in a cleft in the rock. I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Beloved ones, God has shielded us, covered our sin with the hand of protection, as we hide ourselves in Christ, the rock of our salvation.

All: In the name of Christ we are forgiven! Glory to God!

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

*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.

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD from 1 Thess. 1:5

FIRST READING EXODUS 33:12-23
(The scripture readings can be found on the side panel of the bulletin)

ANTHEM Duet: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON
arr. C. Courtney

SECOND READING 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

SERMON "Love, Patience, and Hope" Rev. Mike Chamberlain

Responding to the Word

*HYMN 438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me TOPLADY

*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 Matt. 22:21

Jesus invites us to render to God the things
that are God's.

Trusting in God's infinite care, we gratefully
present our 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 1 Thess. 1:5

God Sends Us Forth

*HYMN 644 Give Thanks, O Christian People ES FLOG EIN KLEINS
WALDVOGELEIN

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*BLESSING

HYMN 541 God Be with You Till We Meet Again RANDOLPH

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., Oct. 23 @ 11:00am - Presbyterian Women Bible Study

Wed., Oct. 25 @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice

Thur., Oct. 26 @ 5:45pm - Centering Prayer

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Paula Burlew

Ushers.....John & Lynn Cain

Audio.....Terry Randall

Video.....Jon Burlew

Coffee Plus.....Brenda Wesley

First Reading—Exodus 33:12-23

¹²Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people." ¹⁴He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

¹⁷The Lord said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸Moses said, "Please show me your glory." ¹⁹And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord,' and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live." ²¹And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²²and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

Second Reading—1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.
²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Updated Edition



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Carol Prater's brother, Ken Osborne; Lynn Cain; Rogelio Castillo; David Bosh; Don Haney; 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 Sept.	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$9,239	\$13,934	\$114,827	\$125,404
Non-Pledged	\$3,167	\$3,154	\$37,976	\$28,389

Blessing Box Attendant

This Week.....Bill & Cindy Fountain
Next Week.....Terry & Marci Randall

Assisting In Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Marshall Judy
Ushers.....Jo & Jimmy Salmon
Audio.....Josh Jones
Video.....Jon Burlew
Coffee Plus.....Linda Bonardel
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Preacher.....Rev. Mike Chamberlain

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	
Kimberly King	Zack Vaught	Sharon Mandt
Chris Phillips	John Wright	Perry Waller

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October 22nd, 2023

Twenty-First 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.