

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** Handbells: *Holy, Holy, Holy* John B. Dykes  
arr. Karissa Dennis

**INTROIT 402** *How Lovely, Lord* (vrs.1) MERLE'S TUNE

## Gathering Around The Word

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Ps. 84:2, 5, 7; John 6:57-58; Eph. 6:10*  
One: The living God has sent the living bread from heaven  
**All: to fill our hearts with strength!**  
One: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**\*HYMN 301** *Let Us Build o House* TWO OAKS

**CALL TO CONFESSION** *from Ps. 34:18*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)** *from Josh. 24:14-18*  
**God of our redemption,**  
**we confess that we have not been faithful servants.**  
**We have not served you with sincere hearts**  
**nor trusted in your salvation.**  
**We have forsaken you, the living God,**  
**and have chosen to follow the lifeless idols**  
**of worldly power and wealth.**  
**Forgive us our sin, O God.**  
**Lead us to heartfelt repentance**  
**that we may honor you with our lips**  
**and serve you with our lives;**  
**through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *from John 6:68*  
One: Hear the good news: Christ himself is the Word that offers eternal life to all who receive him. This proves his love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**  
*We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.*

**\*RESPONSE 582** **NEW** GLORIA PATRI  
**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,**  
**and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,**  
**and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**  
**World without end, without end. Amen.**  
**World without end, without end. Amen.**  
**World without end, without end. Amen.**  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

## Listening To the Word

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD** *from John 6:68; Ps. 84:9; Eph. 6:16-20*

**FIRST READING** PSALM 15  
*(The scripture readings can be found on the back of the bulletin)*

**ANTHEM 340** *This Is My Song* (vrs.1&3) FINLANDIA

**SECOND READING** JAMES 1:17-27

**SERMON** "Through the Looking Glass" Rev. David Holden

## Responding to the Word

**\*HYMN 14** *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed *page 35 in hymnal*

**SHARING OUR PRAYERS** *See prayer concerns list, back page*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**  
One: The Lord be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
One: Lift up your hearts.  
**All: We lift them to the Lord!**  
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!**  
*- prayer continues -*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *page 35 in hymnal*

**SHARING THE FEAST**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM**

**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 John 6:58*

## God Sends Us Forth

**\*HYMN 32** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMBE

**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**\*BLESSING**  
**HYMN** *Irish Blessing* *Inside back cover of hymnal*

**POSTLUDE**

### Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us about yourself! You can scan this QR code with your smartphone to fill out our online form, or fill out a pew card and drop it in the offering plate.



### This Week

**TODAY!** @ 4:00pm - Interracial Dialogue  
**Wed., Sept. 4** @ 6:30pm - Choir practice  
**Thur., Sept. 5** @ 4:00pm - Spiritual Formation Meeting  
**Wed., Sept. 6** @ 7:30am - Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evan's Restaurant

### Worship Assistants Next Week

**Liturgist**.....Laura Wright  
**Ushers**.....Marty Whitson & Zack Vaught  
**Audio**.....Terry Randall  
**Video**.....Richard Wright  
**Coffee Plus**.....Brenda Wesley

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

**First Reading—Psalm 15**

1 O Lord, who may abide in your tent?  
 Who may dwell on your holy hill?  
 2 Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right  
 and speak the truth from their heart;  
 3 who do not slander with their tongue  
 and do no evil to their friends  
 nor heap shame upon their neighbors;  
 4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised  
 but who honor those who fear the Lord;  
 who stand by their oath even to their hurt;  
 5 who do not lend money at interest  
 and do not take a bribe against the innocent.  
 Those who do these things shall never be moved.

**Second Reading—James 1:17-27**

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, <sup>20</sup>for human anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

*Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*



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

Dorothy Adams; Michael Davis' mother, Pat Davis; Lynn Cain; Gordon Germain; Joanne Waddle; Tommy Brence; Ed & Joyce Mick; Autumn Brock's mom, Marie; Jennifer Williams; Bill House; Leslie Phillips

**Current Giving**

	Rec'd month of Aug.	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
<b>Pledged Offering</b>	\$11,948	\$11,985	\$109,234	\$95,883
<b>Non-Pledged</b>	\$6,093	\$3,289	\$39,018	\$26,308

**Blessing Box Attendant**

**This Week**.....  
**Next Week**.....Marshall Judy

**Assisting In Worship Today**

**Ministers**.....Every Member  
**Liturgist**.....Zack Vaught  
**Ushers**.....Marshall Judy & Jimmy Salmon  
**Audio**.....Paul Guffey  
**Video**.....Sue Guffey  
**Coffee Plus**.....Jo Salmon  
**Director of Music**.....Theresa Jean Kibby  
**Piano & Organ**.....Debby McDonald  
**Pastor**.....Rev. David Holden

**Deacons:**

Linda Cook	Sue Guffey	Don Haney
Nancy Holland	Marshall Judy	Marci Randall

**Elders:**

<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>
Charles Leveridge	Sharon Mandt	Jo Salmon
Zack Vaught	Perry Waller	Laura Wright
John Wright		

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**First Presbyterian Church**

September 1st, 2024

**The Fifteenth 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.