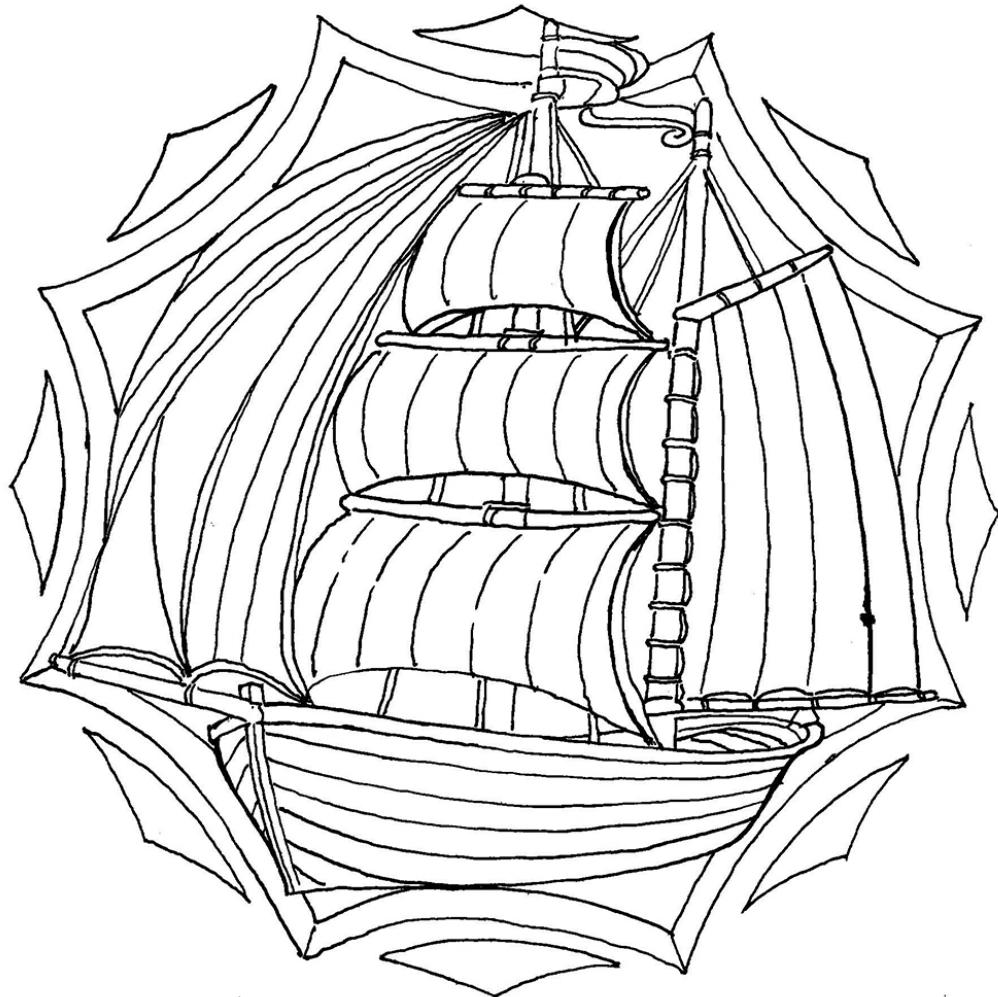


First Presbyterian Church

August 1, 2021

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



*Serving Christ from the heart of the city to the ends
of the earth with love, faith and action.*

We Gather in God's Presence

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"*Andante Cantabile*" from *Sonata, K. 330*

W. A. Mozart

Call to Worship

Hear our praise, O God, as we sing our songs of glad thanksgiving!
For you have been faithful to us throughout all the generations!

*Hymn

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

No. 35

Prayer of Confession

Judy Pidcock

Forgive us, O God, for bearing your image with such carelessness, and for a witness that does not honor you. We forget that we are holy, meant to be bearers of your light, and so instead of helping to chase away the darkness, we grow comfortable in it. Keep the way of Jesus ever before us, that we might be drawn to it, and find joy in it. And now hear our particular confessions, offered in silence...

Kyrie | Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Pardon

Friends in Christ, in response to this gift of God's grace, how then shall we live?
With gratitude, following after the Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us to love
God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.

This is the way of Jesus, in whom we find life!

*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.

We Celebrate our Life Together

Bible Literacy Recognition

Erin Hensey

Welcome New Members

Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession and The Lord's Prayer | Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Congregational Response to Prayer

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

We Listen to God's Word

Moment for Children

Children ages 4 - 5th grade can leave for a LEGO lesson for the remainder of the service.

Laurie Taylor Weicher

Lora Swindell

Pick up in Memorial Hall.

Scripture Readings

Joshua 24:14-15; Ephesians 4:1-6

Sermon

"Defying Gravity"

Ed McLeod

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

No. 724

*Affirmation of Faith | The 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; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

An Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

"Calm at Sea"

Stephen Fiess

Stephen Fiess, Piano

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below,
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God above; ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and
Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

We Bear God's Word into the World

*Hymn

"Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm"

No. 731

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response | Go with us Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in Your Spirit, strong and true, our lives may be our gift to you.

*Postlude

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

arr. Reginald Gerig

*All those who are able may stand.

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