

First Presbyterian Church

September 12, 2021

Sixteenth 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

"Prelude in Classic Style"

Gordon Young

Call to Worship

As we offer ourselves to you, O God,

**Let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts,
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.**

*Hymn

["Sing Glory to the Name of God"](#)

No. 10

Prayer of Confession

Judy Pidcock

Forgive us, O God, for our careless use of words, and for our tendency to harm rather than heal. You gave us the gift of language and speech to foster community and to enable story and that we might give voice to the stirrings in our hearts. But we have used language and speech to insult and belittle, to mock and demean, to divide and debase. Forgive our poor use of this glorious gift. Help us see in it the wondrous possibility for healing and encouragement and love, that our speech might reflect the life giving way of Jesus, to the glory of your name. And now hear our particular prayers, 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

Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

Laurie Taylor Weicher

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

A Moment for Children (11:00)

Children ages 4 - 5th grade can leave for a LEGO lesson for the remainder of the service. Pick up in Memorial Hall.

Scripture Readings

Proverbs 25:11-13; James 3:1-12

Sermon

"Handle with Care"

Ed McLeod

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

"Together We Serve"

No. 767

*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

(8:30) "Day by Day"

Carolina Sandell

Andy Eaton, guitar, baritone

(11:00) "Most Glorious Lord of Life"

William H. Harris

Chancel Choir

*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

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

No. 692

*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

"Gigue in A Major"

G. F. Handel

* All those who are able may stand.

Kathryn Auman is assisting with the LEGO lesson today.

The Chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by Dr. and Mrs. William L. Miller in loving memory of Laura's parents, Charles and Elizabeth Sanderson, and her brothers Hugh and Charles Sanderson.