

First Presbyterian Church

September 19, 2021

Seventeenth 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

"Amazing Grace"

arr. David Cherwien

Call to Worship

With gladness, let us come into the presence of the Lord!
With songs of praise, we will worship our ever faithful God!

*Hymn

["Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"](#)

No. 620

Prayer of Confession

Laurie Taylor Weicher

Like his earliest disciples, O God, we have misunderstood the intentions of Jesus, and so we have followed him on our terms, rather than on his. We have imagined that being his disciples gives us a special status in the world, and in your eyes, but we forget we are following a servant, who calls us to be servants. While we are busy seeking places of prominence, Jesus seeks the low place, inviting us to follow. Redeem our ambitions, O God, that we might learn a new definition of greatness, and have as our only aspiration to be faithful to the One who is redeeming the world. Hear now our personal 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

A Moment for Children (11:00)

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

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

Zachary Louis Johnston

Response to Baptism

**"Jesus, Friend, so kind and gentle, little ones we bring to Thee; Grant to them Thy dearest blessing,
Let Thine arms around them be. Now enfold them in Thy goodness, from all danger keep them free."**

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

Scripture Readings

Micah 6:9-16; Mark 9:30-37

Sermon

"Downward Mobility"

Ed McLeod

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

["Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"](#)

No. 718

*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) "Pie Jesu"

Gabriel Faure

Casey Eaton, Soprano

(11:00) "Lead Me, Lord"

Samuel S. Wesley

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, Alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication

We Bear God's Word into the World

*Hymn

["My Life Flows On"](#)

No. 821

*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

"Prelude in Bb"

J. S. Bach

* All those who are able may stand.

Today's Acolyte is Avery Jane Thaxton.

Ann Poisson and Henry Boyd are assisting with the LEGO lesson today.

The Chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in loving memory of their parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Avery Wagoner and Dr. and Mrs. R. S. LeGarde, by John and Ann LeGarde.