

# First Presbyterian Church

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We welcome you not as strangers but as a part of God's family! We are a community of faith that gathers to praise our Lord and Savior, serve others, search for answers, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We hope today you will be challenged and discover encouragement. The peace of Christ be with you!

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time for **silent** preparation.*

PRELUDE

Jean Sibelius

“Choral From Finlandia”

### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

“Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome”

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: The Lord has dominion from sea to sea, from here to the ends of the earth.  
 People: *The Lord strengthens our ability to walk in faith,*  
 Leader: As the Lord rides forth to defend the truth and destroy all falsehood.  
 People: *The hand of the Lord reaches out to lift up the needy and feed the hungry.*  
 Leader: Therefore, with joy and gladness let us come into the presence of the Lord our God.  
 Unison: *May we praise the name of the Lord with the words of our lips and the deeds of our lives.*

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

## \*HYMN OF ADORATION # 14

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

*O God, we admit that all is not well with us. We are easily angered and slow to forgive. We speak without listening and pretend to listen without really hearing. Our tongues become weapons rather than instruments of healing. We are critical of those who think or act differently than us. Hidden in our hearts are the attitudes that produce arrogance, deceit, and violation of our promises to You and to one another.*

*Loving God, save us from the sin that consumes us, distracts us, and inhibits us from walking with You. Restore within us the ability to live in faith. Amen.*

## \*DECLARATION OF PARDON

## \*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.*

## A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

## \*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 295

“Go to the World!”

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.*

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Song of Solomon 2:8-13, page 623

## ANTHEM

Handchimes

“Morning Has Broken”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Rick Martindale

“The Proof of Our Conviction”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Hymn Book, Page 35

“The Apostles’ Creed”

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Bob Kilpatrick

“Lord, Be Glorified”

\*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL AMEN

Traditional

“Danish Amen”

\*POSTLUDE

John Sellers

“You Are Crowned With Many Crowns”

*\*Please stand if able.*

**Opportunities for the Week of September 1<sup>st</sup> - September 8<sup>th</sup>**

- Today: 10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service / 2 Cents a Meal
- 12:15 a.m. Hand Chime Practice
- Monday: Labor Day – Church Office Closed
- Tuesday: 6:15 p.m. Men’s Group, *conference room*
- Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. PW Coordinating Team Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Nominating Committee, *conference room*
- Saturday: 7:30 a.m. Robbins Food Bank
- Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School – Covered Dish Breakfast
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:15 p.m. Hand Chime Practice
- 12:15 p.m. Session Meeting, *conference room*

## **Announcements**

Pictorial Directory sheets are located in the upper and lower narthex. Please fill out and return to Michelle Tortora. You can also email the information and a clear, family appropriate picture to her at [mrstortora@hotmail.com](mailto:mrstortora@hotmail.com)

Musical preparation for Christmas will begin on September 15<sup>th</sup> on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., following regular practice. We will do a cantata, or we will provide seasonal selections featuring music and scripture. Please join in the preparation for this holiday program.

The Fellowship & Missions Committee has planned an outing at Dunrovin Exotic Animal Sanctuary. We will meet there at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. We will follow-up with a "Dutch treat" pizza party at Bob's Pizza which is located very close to Dunrovin.

The "Annual Church Picnic" will take place on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers and your choice of homemade ice cream. Your assistance in preparation would be greatly appreciated. A sign-up board is available in the lower narthex.

Phillip Warmbrod has a new address: #0762662 Southern Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 247, Phoenix, MD 21131. A return address is required on all personal mail. Please use your name and to use the church address. Feel free to drop him a note at your convenience.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Jackie & Jim Muse.