



Sunday Worship
September 4, 2022
Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.

* indicates where the congregation stands in body or in spirit
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

HYMN SING

****CALL TO WORSHIP***

From daily worries that distract and distort your life-giving path,

gather us, O God.

From suffering that overwhelms and weighs heavy on our hearts,

gather us, O God.

From temptations to escape through worldly addictions and comforts,

gather us, O God.

We choose you and Christ's way. Help us attend to your presence with us in worship.

Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

With endless creativity, God forms and shapes our lives.

Each of us bears the image of our maker. Each of us is made in love.

****HYMN #686 God of our Life***

1 God of our life, through all the circling years,
we trust in thee;

in all the past, through all our hopes and fears,
thy hand we view.

With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand;
with us abide.

Lead us by faith, to hope's true Promised Land;
be now our guide.

With you to bless, the darkness shines as light,
and faith's fair vision changes into sight.

3 God of the coming years, thro' paths unknown
we follow thee;

when we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone.
Our refuge be.

Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

Holy God, you formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed life into our bodies. Yet we take these lives for granted, choosing destructive paths and unhealthy habits. We turn to idols that addict and enslave, instead of the liberating resources Christ provides. Forgive our foolishness, God our Redeemer, and grant us the wisdom to follow you in faith. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

****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.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 5:1-7

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

****HYMN #846*** In The Cross of Christ I Glory

1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me.
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

5 In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 14:25-33

SERMON Endgame

RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING

****DOXOLOGY***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION***

Holy God, take these gifts and bless them for good use to your glory. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in blessing the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive. Use these gifts to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF 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.

**HYMN #223* When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.
3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

**BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: September 4, 2022.

This week's carillon is in memory of Bob A. Gastgeb .

PLEASE WELCOME: Courtenay Willcox, I live out my life's priorities of family and faith in my activities and involvements. Becoming a grandmother for the second time and completing a second unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital are recent life events. A cradle Presbyterian, I am a former Moderator of the Presbytery of Philadelphia and served on the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry. I am active in transitional ministry where I serve congregations who are between permanent pastors. I'm involved in the Presbytery's Vital Congregational Initiative, which is how; most recently, I have had the privilege of interacting with your pastor, Su Fall. I also believe God is calling me to a service of public theology where I have the privilege of standing with my siblings in the areas of creation care, gun violence awareness, and anti-racism activism. Spending time in the Outer Banks with family and schnoodle is a gratefully received gift. There is nothing like a sunrise walk on the beach!



SUNDAY SCHOOL TO RESUME SEPTEMBER 11: Calling all children in preschool – 6th grade. Bring your backpacks for a blessing and be ready to open your hearts to the Lord. God is waiting for you! Sunday school is held each Sunday except the first Sunday of the month. On that Sunday we hope you will remain in worship so you can begin to learn all parts of the worship service – including Communion! On the other Sundays, class begins after the Time with the Children.

TEACHERS AND NURSERY HELPERS ARE NEEDED: As a congregation we promise to care for and nurture our children. Please prayerfully consider how you can fulfill that commitment. Contact Pastor Su, Beth Conti, or Susan Flanagan (our office administrator) if you can help. Not only will you be a blessing, but you will receive a blessing through our children, as well.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: This week we are asking for either **Ketchup or Salad Dressing**. You only need to choose one but feel free to bring as much as you like. Bring your item(s) to the church during the week or next Sunday morning. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule. Any and all donations of any kind are greatly appreciated!

ATTENTION BELL RINGERS: Attention Bell Ringers - the first practice for all current and interested bell ringers will be sept 12 at 7:00pm at church! Please see Leanne with questions.

OCTOBER 1, OUR ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBEQUE:

This annual event is a favorite where lots of help is needed for cooking, preparing, handing out meals (it's all takeout), and selling tickets! Call the Sharon Ruth at 215-262-4656 and ask Sharon how you can help as well as ordering tickets!

Tickets are available, \$15/Adult and \$9/Child. Call the Church office to order your tickets.



Red Cross Blood Drive Saturday Sept 10th from 8AM to 1PM in Fellowship Hall. Whether you would like to donate in honor of a loved one, or to help those in need, your donation can be used to help save *three* lives. To schedule an appt, and for information about donor eligibility related to health conditions, medications that exclude donating, and donor age, ht & wt guidelines, please visit www.redcross.org or call 1 800 Red Cross. You may also call or email Dana- 215 450 0705, dldpineville@verizon.net. Thank you!

<u>Calendar:</u>	September 4	10:00am	Worship Service followed by Fellowship.
	September 5		Labor Day – Offices Closed
	September 7	9:30am	Christian Education mtg. Zoom
		12:00pm	Lunch Bunch then blanket making.

Elder of the Month: Bill Wark Deacon of the Month: Gerry Stemplewicz
Iced Tea Host: Leanne Yerkes Sunday Nursery: Donna Jencks

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Bill Wark, Raymond Tinari, Jim Turner, Linda Bowers, Mary Reinhardt, Sally Thiessen, Anna McQuaid, Dick Wright, Violet Sanders, Dolores Albert.

Church Staff

Susan Fall, Pastor

Leanne Yerkes, Director of Music

Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator

Frank Orzechoski, Financial Manager

Mark Lempp, Grounds Keeper

