



Sunday Worship

September 25, 2022

*Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.*

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Power and might and majesty belong to God who created and is creating.

Thanks be to God for God's mighty wonders.

Like the image of the powerful wind, and heavens as a garment, God's majesty is revealed in all creation.

We look around us at the wonders and marvel and the infinite variety and beauty which God has created.

Who are we, that God should pay attention to us?

We are God's beloved children. Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious God, who imparts wisdom, power, love and grace to those who commune with you in prayer, make us sensitive to your presence in our midst during this time of worship, that this, and all our prayers, may strengthen us to be your servant people. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou has been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

From the least of us, to the greatest, Lord, we want to know you. We yearn to follow where you lead us. We need your guidance. But even as we listen for your direction, other voices compete for our attention with teachings that suit our desires. Our thoughts drift so far from your truth, that fables and fancies begin to seem real. Holy One, open our hearts and minds. By your Spirit, convince, rebuke, and encourage us as only you can. Teach, correct, and inspire us in the ways of your salvation. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

... Remember the good news and say it aloud: Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

***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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 *from the International Children's Bible*

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN #472** Kum ba Yah

1. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!
2. Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah!
3. Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!
4. Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 18:1-8 *from The Message*

SERMON Persistence in Prayer

RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you have granted us wisdom, understanding, and knowledge far greater than that of any teacher. You have given us love and grace freely from your abundance. As you have shared your gifts with us, we share these gifts with you, that all the world may know you. As you have led us by the hand, we offer our hands to your service, in praise and thanksgiving. Amen.

SHARING 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 #687** Our God, Our Help in Ages Past *verses 1, 2, 3 and 6*

1. Our God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.
2. Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.
6. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: September 25, 2022.

This week's carillon is in memory of Walter Mill.

165th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PLANNING: A task force is being formed to plan a special event to celebrate our years of faithful ministry. Please contact Pastor Su if you are interested in helping create the festivities.

HELP WITH MISSION: Help is needed for those who have a heart for mission in brainstorming and organizing this year's Church Has Left the Building event on the first Sunday in November as well as brainstorm ideas for Friday Night Fellowship missions. If you would like help, please contact Pastor Su.

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF NIGHT: Sunday October 2, 6:30pm – 8:00pm at Church. Join us while we have some fun during our “Color Party” (<https://partygoat.com/blogs/party-guide/how-to-throw-a-color-party>). Wear your old clothes you don’t care about. Googles will be provided. And BRING A FRIEND!! We will also be doing some planning for upcoming events this year.

RYON HERIN’S INSTALLATION SERVICE: Will be held on Sunday, November 6th at 4pm. *First Presbyterian Church of Rockaway, N.J.* We are looking into hiring a bus for those interested in attending the service. We would depart FGPC at 2pm with anticipating an 8pm return to FGPC. In order for us to consider, we would need an idea of how many people would be interested. There will be a fee per person to cover the cost of the bus. Please call or email the church office if this is something you would be interested in attending.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL REHEARSALS BEGIN OCTOBER 9: All ages and abilities are invited to sing. Rehearsals will be each Sunday after worship. The performance date is December 18. Contact Leanne Yerkes or Pastor Su if you have any questions.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: **This week we are asking for Canned Fruit.** 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!

OCTOBER 1, OUR ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBEQUE: Tickets are on sale, \$15/Adult and \$9/Child. Call the Church office to pre-order your Chicken dinner. We have a limited amount of dinners, so order early. Help is needed for cooking, preparing, handing out meals, and selling tickets! Call the Sharon Ruth at 215-262-4656 if you can help as well as for ordering tickets!

SAVE THE DATE – October 7, 2022 The first Friday Night Fellowship of the year will be held at the Ruth’s farm 831 Pineville Rd., Pineville, PA. Beginning at 6:00, there will be a potluck dinner, hayride, and mission project. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the church office and let us know what you can bring to share.

<u>Calendar:</u>	September 25	10am	Worship Service, Sunday School.
	September 26	7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal.
		7pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 meeting.
	September 27	9:30am	Preparing Applesauce.
		7pm	Session.
	September 28	12pm	Lunch Bunch then blanket making.
	September 29		Chicken Barbeque Preparation.
	October 1	4-6pm	Chicken Barbeque.

Elder of the Month: Bill Wark Deacon of the Month: Gerry Stemplewicz Fellowship Hour host: Emillie Cullerton

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Jim Turner, Mary Reinhardt,
Sally Thiessen, Anna McQuaid, Dick Wright, Violet Sanders

Church Staff

Susan Fall, Pastor

Leanne Yerkes, Director of Music
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