



*Sunday Worship*  
*September 29, 2024*  
*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***

*Rejoice, God is with us.*

**Praise be to God who leads us each and every day.**

*God leads us into worship to strengthen our spirits.*

**God leads us into service that will offer peace and hope to others.**

*Praise be to God!*

**Thanks be to God!**

***\*OPENING PRAYER***

**Lord Jesus, we come into your presence from many different places. We come with songs of joy and shouts of gratitude. We come carrying heavy burdens and sighs of suffering. As you welcome us into your house, lift our burdens and receive our praise. Salt us with your grace and flavor us with your mercy. Bind us together, that we may be at peace with one another and be strengthened to go forth in service to the world. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

***\*HYMN #611*** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts untold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;

stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,

chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.

Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

***CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION***

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS***

Called to be your people, Living God - why do we find it so hard to answer? You ask us to speak out against injustice, and we whisper because we are afraid someone might hear us. You ask us to see the pain and poverty around us, but we close our eyes. You tell us that everyone, and each one, is created in your image, yet we persist in noticing the differences between us and others. Forgive us, God of the Past and Creator of the Future. May we be the ones who go out into the world, bearing your gifts of peace, of hope, of healing, of joy to everyone who is broken, even as we have been made whole through the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING***

...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*** James 4:7-12

***TIME WITH THE CHILDREN***

***\*HYMN #769*** For Everyone Born

1. For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,

*REFRAIN:* and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

2. For woman and man, a place at the table, revising roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair, *REFRAIN*

3. For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong, *REFRAIN*

4. For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live, *REFRAIN*

5. For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, a right to be free, *REFRAIN*

***SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON*** Mark 9:38-50

***SERMON*** Whoever Is Not Against Us Is For Us

***CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP***

***OFFERTORY***

***\*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***

On my own what I have to give doesn't amount to much in the light of all you have given to me and in the face of so much need. Put together as a congregation, what we offer you here in love becomes more, not simply added together, but somehow multiplied in its usefulness. We ask you to bless our gifts and with the addition of your blessing, just as it was with the loaves and fishes, there is enough for all. 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 #539** We Will Go Out with Joy

1. We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.  
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*REFRAIN:* Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia.

2. Now anyone who's born of the Spirit, sing a new song of joy.  
Now anyone who's born of the Spirit, sing a new song of joy. *REFRAIN*

3. We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.  
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**\*BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, September 29, 2024**

**This week's carillon is in memory of John and Helen Schroeder.** John and Helen lived down the road in Forest Grove, Helen was a faithful member of the church. Parents of Wes Schroeder

**WELCOME DENNIS WILLIAMS** who is our guest musician this week.

**FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP:** Anchor Presbyterian Church will be hosting our October Fellowship on Friday October 4 at 6:30 pm. Our mission will be for T.A.S.K and will be Utensil wrapping for Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, plus potluck dinner. Suitable for all ages! You can sign up in Fellowship Hall or RSVP to office@anchorpresbyterian.org

**CHICKEN BARBEQUE TICKETS ARE FOR SALE:** Our Chicken Barbeque is our biggest Fund Raiser of the year. Proceeds support our local Food Bank and other mission projects. Call Sharon Ruth 215-262-4656 or the office to pre-order your meal and or volunteer. **Tickets sell out fast.**

**ADULT: \$18, CHILD: \$10.** Included: ½ Chicken for Adults and ¼ Chicken for children along with homemade sides and Dessert. **The pick-up for your dinners will be on Saturday, October 5, 2024 – 4pm-6pm.**

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** This week we are asking for the following items: Shelf-stable and low fat, vitamin D-fortified regular, soy, almond or rice milk. Donations are to be placed in the wagon found in the vestibule.

**This week's calendar of events:**

<b>September 29</b>	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday School followed by Fellowship.
	4:00 pm	Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
<b>September 30</b>	9:30 am	Bible Study in person and on Zoom <a href="https://zoom.us/j/127591875">https://zoom.us/j/127591875</a>
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
	7:00 pm	Deacon Meeting
<b>October 1</b>	9:30 am	Chicken Barbeque – Making Applesauce
	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
<b>October 2</b>	12:00 pm	Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship
<b>October 3</b>	9:30 am	Chicken Barbeque – Making Cole Slaw
<b>October 4</b>	6:30 pm	Friday Night Fellowship at Anchor Presbyterian Church
<b>October 5</b>	4:00 pm	CHICKEN BARBEQUE – pick-up begins

**Elder of the month:** Donna Jencks   **Deacon of the month:** Gerry Stemplewicz  
**Ushers:** Gerry and Louise Stemplewicz   **Fellowship hour:** Emilie Cullerton  
**Sunday school Teacher:** Beth Conti

*In our thoughts and prayers:*

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Jim Turner, Violet Sanders,  
Mary Lou Humlhanz, Pat Pizza, Kara Holton, Eloise Hyndman,  
David Posnett, Shannon Foster, Jim Conner



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