

the
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



September 20, 2026, 10:30 am
17th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to worship! Led by the Holy Spirit, we glorify God, nurture the faith with each other, and witness the fullness of Christ's love in the world. Beyond the pews, we hope you will grow in faith with us on Sunday mornings and throughout the week.

Children are welcome in the Sanctuary throughout the service and are encouraged to visit our worship corner in the front left of the Sanctuary and borrow a variety of resources during worship. Childcare is also available for infants through 4-year-olds in the nursery on the 1st floor of the Education Building.

Assisted listening devices are available at the Princess Anne Street side entrance. Restrooms are located underneath the Sanctuary, accessed via the stairs off the porch on the Princess Anne Street side or elevator, or in the Education Building. If you need access to the Ed. Building during worship, please speak to an usher. Our service is livestreamed via YouTube.

We are glad you are here as we give glory to God together!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

✠We rise in body or spirit.

We say words in bold together.

GATHERING

Centering Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

Prelude

The Penitent Heart

Colin Curtis

Silent prayer of preparation by The Brothers of Weston Priory

Yours the morning, O God, yours the afternoon. As we make our pilgrimages through the day, reawaken us to your presence, your wisdom, your wonders. Amen.

Introit

Hear me, O Lord

Schubert arr Klein

Call to Worship *based on Psalm 105:1-6*

Liturgist: Kaden Yealy

Give thanks to the Lord!

Proclaim God's name and make known among the nations what God has done.

We sing praises; glory be to God's holy name!

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice;

We look to the Lord and his strength; seeking God's face always.

Let us worship, remembering God's wonders and miracles.

✠Hymn 664

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning;

blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from the heaven,

like the first dew fall in the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,

sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,

born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation; praise every morning,

God's recreation of the new day!

✠Prayer of Confession *from U.N. Environmental Sabbath*

Gracious God, who made the covenant promise with our ancestors, we gather here today a rebellious people. We want to act out your intentions for us, but we keep getting mixed up by all the glitter of the world around us. You tell us to honor creation, and we use other people and animals and plant life only to meet our wants. You offer daily bread to every living creature, and we steal that bread from our brothers and sisters in the name of our greed. You promise us new life, and we shrink back from it in fear. Heal us, God, lest we destroy ourselves. We need your presence among us. Amen.

✠Assurance of Pardon *Philippians 1:27-29*

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

✠Joyful Response (Hymn 591 refrain)

***Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lujah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lujah!
Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!***

✠Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: *Exodus 16:2-15*

p. 78 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children

Anthem

Living Water of Life

David Lantz

Are you thirsty for the Master, for the God of all creation? Come through Jesus to the Father, through the life sustaining vine. Drink deeply from the living water of life. Drink deeply from the endless water of life. Like the waters of the Jordan, He will nourish and sustain us. Come through Jesus to the Father, drink the life of love divine. Drink deeply from the living water of life. Drink deeply from the endless water of life. Like the woman at the well, we are human and with sin. Come through Jesus to the Father. Feel His quenching deep within. Drink deeply from the living water of life. Drink deeply from the endless water of life. Come through Jesus to the Father. Taste the water of all life.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

What is Enough?

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.

Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word?

All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down.

Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you come and help us? Moses' sister aided him.

Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?

Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that he will be found.

Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace and filled with fears?

Is there here a weeping Mary pouring forth a flood of tears?

Brethren, join your cries to help them; sisters, let your prayers abound!

Pray, O pray, that holy manna will be scattered all around.

Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.

Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.

Christ will call us home to heaven; at his table we'll sit down.

Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

✠Affirmation of Faith from *Lutheran Theological College, South India*, adapted

We believe in God, who creates all things, who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation. We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptizes this planet with living water. We believe in Jesus Christ, seen in the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee - who loves and cares for this world and suffers with it. And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God and who moves among and with us today. We believe in everlasting life in God. And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

Dedication of LIFT teachers and Choirs

Natasha Taylor, Faith Formation Coordinator and Mike McCarthy, Director of Music

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

... forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors ...

Presentation of Offerings

Whether your gift is placed in the plate, given online, or shared through your time and talents, all are invited to pause as the plate is passed to you for a prayerful moment of thanksgiving.

Offertory

Cantate Domino

Nancy Hill Cobb

✠Doxology (Hymn 606)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

✠Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

✠Hymn 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

during the first verse, children are dismissed to the Ed. Building for Covenant Choir
*Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.*

*Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.*

*See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst to assuage?
Grace, so like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.*

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Postlude *The Brightest Trumpet* Franklin Ritter

Go in peace, holding quiet space for those who wish to reflect and pray.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for our 3rd Sunday lunch.



Serving in Worship Today:

Organist: Amy Shirk

Director of Music: Mike McCarthy

Ushers: Diane Peterson, Linda Spratt

Elevator Assistant: Steve Spratt

Sanctuary Guild: Lynn and Preston Simms

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