

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

*A joyful community, gathered by God's grace,
sharing Christ's love with all.*



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God, our guide and our protector, as we gather today at home and in the beauty of your creation, open our minds and souls and hearts so that we may be inclined to hear the gentle direction of your Spirit in our lives. Help us, we pray, to follow you as you lead us to the work you have in mind for us and the truth you want us to embrace, so that we may learn from you and glorify you all the days of our lives in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Steal Away”
Nicole Campbell, Flute

African Amer. Spiritual

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of hope, with steadfast love and growing faith, we come as the people of Christ.

We come into your presence this morning with confidence that you will meet us here.

Where there is sadness, bring joy; where there is tiredness, bring refreshment; where there is despair, bring a renewed sense of hope, we pray.

Let this space be a sanctuary for us; let our thoughts and prayers tether us to your Spirit,

As your words and wisdom ground us in your way.

We have come to deepen our knowledge of the eternal and ever-loving God; we have come to give glory and praise to our Savior.

Here we are, together as people of faith and hope, to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ.
Let us worship God!

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”
Nicole Campbell, Flute

Temple

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that we have neglected our relationship with you. We have used our time to pursue our dreams more than your own. We have put you in a box of our own making and then complained when you felt too small. We have doubted your faithfulness when it is we who have been less than faithful. Forgive us, Lord, for talking more than listening, questioning more than learning, and for taking the easy way more than the way that leads to growth and transformation. Forgive us for failing to witness to the truth of your goodness and grace. Cleanse us by your Spirit so that we will be faithful disciples in body, mind, and spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(A time for silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Gloria, Gloria”
Suzann Barthold, Keyboard

Berthier

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 4:9-14; OT Page 160

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33; NT Page 16

SERMON

“Faith that Sticks and Floats”

Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"Shall We Gather at the River"
Nicole Campbell, Flute

Lowry

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*A Declaration of Faith* 1977; Ch. 1, ¶4 and Ch. 7, ¶6, selected lines)

The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with God's people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, God's just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.... We confess we are heirs of this whole story. We are charged to remember our past, to be warned and encouraged by it, but not to live it again. Now is the time of our testing as God's story with the church moves forward through us. We are called to live now as God's servants in the service of people everywhere.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer family of the week: Bill McWhirter

Prayer institution of the week: Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church (Odenton, MD)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Welcome to Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church!

If you are looking for a friendly church...

- † where you will be loved and accepted regardless of your age, class, race, ethnicity or orientation...
- † where you will be challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask your questions, and grow in your faith...
- † where God's desire for compassion, healing, reconciliation, justice and joy is preached...
- † where you are given the opportunity to put your faith into action through effective outreach ministries...

Then we hope to get to know you as a new friend at Prince of Peace. No matter who you are, or where you are in your life journey, you are welcome here! Join us and discover how much you are loved, how gifted you are, and how together, we can experience and share the kingdom of God here and now.

On behalf of everyone at Prince of Peace, WELCOME! We're glad you've found your way here today, and we hope you had a meaningful encounter with God while you were with us. Prince of Peace is a living faith community inspired by the Spirit of God, joyfully encouraging all and collectively committed to serving and caring for one another, praising God through worship, music, and mission, imparting to our children a love and understanding of Christ, welcoming all of God's people without prejudice or judgement, and growing together in numbers and in the likeness and grace of Christ.

If there is anything that we can do to make your visit more meaningful, or if there are any questions we can answer, please do not hesitate to let me know. I look forward to the chance to meet you following worship, and hope you will take a moment to introduce yourself.

Once again, welcome – we're glad you're here!

In Christ,
Pastor Elizabeth D. McLean

If you are in need of prayer, you may call Deacon Maria Elena Bodnar (301-390-0484) with your prayer request, and the Prayer Support Team will lift these concerns in prayer.

Today's liturgist is Chris Danielewski.

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The church office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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