

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

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



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Holy God, we come before you with awe, for you are great in love and power. You call us to carry out your mission of love to the world, yet we struggle to understand why you choose us. Speak to us through your Word. Assure us of your continuing presence, as we worship and as we share the joy and challenge of living our faith. By your powerful Spirit, turn our fear to courage and make our gifts blossom into blessings for others, so that we will serve as faithful followers of the One in whose name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

arr. Anderson

Ruth Andrasco, Nicole Campbell, Carlene Craytor, and Terry Puls, Chimes

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on *Psalms* 71)

O God, from our youth you have taught us,

Let us gather, young and old, to proclaim your wondrous deeds.

Even when we reach old age and have gray hairs,

God will not forsake us.

Let us proclaim God’s power and righteousness to all generations. Let us celebrate all the great things God has done.

O God, who is like you?

Let our lips shout for joy, singing praises to our God.

Let our souls also, for God has rescued them.

God is our rock and refuge all the days of our lives.

Let us worship God!

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Vivace”

Teleman

Don Burleson, Recorder; and Carolyn Kuffel, Cello

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God in every age you have called people of all ages and places to come and follow you. We confess that we often do not feel equal to the task. Forgive us for the times we prefer to follow our own pursuits than serve, and the times we allow our doubts and fears to stop us in our tracks. Forgive us for the times we have been reluctant to speak about you with others, and the times we have spoken to others without your love or care. Cleanse us of all that distracts and divides, and fill us with your Spirit, so that we may serve you with integrity, imagination, and love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(A time for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 16:11-15; NT Page 136

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Timothy 4:12-16; NT Page 209

SERMON

“Lessons from Lydia, Tips from Timothy” Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Allegro”

Valentino

Don Burleson, Recorder; and Carolyn Kuffel, Cello

CONFIRMATION AND COMMISSIONING OF THE CLASS OF 2020

Presentation of Statements of Faith

Lauren Gimperling, Caroline O’Neil, and Louisa Van Rompay

Renewal of Vows

Baptisms of Clara Van Rompay and Louisa Van Rompay

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED** (Ecumenical version)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Welcome – Presentation of Gifts

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer family of the week: Kay McMahan and Michael Lode

Prayer institution of the week: Comunidad Presbiteriana la Trinidad (Annapolis, 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 Mark Weadon.

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