

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

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



Adapted from The Belhar Confession (South Africa)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

From every place on this planet, we turn our face to you, O God. Gather us, all your people, together, to pray. In the midst of the forces which would separate us, bind us in your love as the Church, together. Strengthen us through the grace of your people gathered, no matter how we gather, with the truth of your presence, so that together we will find unity and peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”
Chimes and Other Instruments

Jamaican Folk Melody

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

All around the world,

People rise to greet the morning and sing praise to the Creator.

All over the earth,

People hold hands around a table and offer thanks.

All around the globe,

Some cry for food, some are filled with laughter, all search for truth.

All around the world,

Hearts hear a sacred melody and yearn for peace.

Throughout this day, across many lands,

Siblings in Christ will share the bread of life and cup of salvation.

All around the world,

People will sing with joy and join the unending chorus of praise.

Praise be to the God who made us, claimed us, saved us, and united us! Let us worship God!

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”
Narration and Vocals

Stuempfle/Sacred Harp

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, giver of peace, author of truth, we confess that we are divided and at odds with one another, for we have turned away from your Spirit of peace and love. Forgive us and help us, Lord! Take from us the mistrust, contention, selfishness, and evil that now divide us. Grow in us a desire for reconciliation, so that, putting aside personal grievances and sinful desires, we may go about your business with a unity of mind and generosity of heart, devoted to serving one another through Jesus Christ our Lord. We open our hearts to your Spirit’s word and work. *(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

Luke 19:1-10; NT Page 82

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:17-29; NT Page 173

SERMON

“Plotting Harmony”

Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“The Ash Grove”
Chimes and Keyboard

Welsh Folk Melody

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

All who put their trust in Jesus Christ are welcome to partake in the communion meal, regardless of age or denominational affiliation, and whether you are physically or virtually present in worship. For those who are physically present in the parking lot, you are invited to come forward to receive the meal, which is prepackaged for your safety. Please keep six feet between you and those in front of you in line, take the cup back to your seat, and wait to eat the wafer (on the top) and drink the juice when directed. Gluten-free bread is available for those who cannot have the wafer; just tell Pastor Elizabeth when you come forward. For those participating virtually, you are invited to gather bread and juice or wine, or other similar elements available to you, to join in the feast with those present. We will eat and drink together wherever we are.

INVITATION & THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

On this day, people of faith all over the world gather at Christ’s table.

In languages as diverse as God’s people, and tables of every size and shape, we proclaim, together, the unity of our life in Christ.

We gather in cities and parking lots, backyards and living rooms. We gather in refugee camps, reservations, and prisons, making sanctuaries in the midst of the profane.

We gather to remember our connectedness one to another. We gather to celebrate God’s saving grace.

This is the Lord’s table. It extends to every corner of the Earth. On World Communion Sunday, may we partake with one mind, in one love, and in one Spirit.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Pastor gives thanks.

Congregation:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Pastor continues.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer family of the week: David and Betsy Lord

Prayer institution of the week: Christ Our Anchor Presbyterian Church (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 Joyce Beall (410-451-6731) with your prayer request, and the Prayer Support Team will lift these concerns in prayer.

Today's liturgist is Anne Weadon.

Today's musicians include Ruth Andrasco, Carlene Craytor, Cory Gimperling, and Terry Puls.

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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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