

# Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

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



# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2020

10:30 a.m.

## PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Gracious God, the noise is turned up high and at times it seems chaotic and deafening. We gather for worship this morning in this parking lot or in our homes not to escape, but to seek your wisdom and to focus on those things that are worthy. Dial down the noise that distracts our minds and our hearts and causes us to fret endlessly. Tune us into the word you have for us today. Set your seal upon our lives that we might be energized for hope, justice, and all that is pleasing in your eyes. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen!

## PRELUDE

"Vivace"

Telemann

Don Burleson, Recorder; and Carolyn Kuffel, Cello

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### CALL TO WORSHIP (From *Psalms* 106)

Praise the Lord! God's steadfast love endures forever.

**Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.**

Save us, O Lord, and gather us from among the nations that we may give thanks to your holy name,

**And receive with open hearts the invitation to your abundant compassion and grace.**

Come let us worship God.

## MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"The Summons"

Bell

Bill McWhirter, Voice

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, present with us now. **We have sinned. We have disregarded the abundance of love and acceptance you extend to all your children. We have failed to consider your wonderful works, thinking, at times, that we are the only recipients of your gifts. We are impatient for answers so we chart our own course and seriously wrong those with whom we differ. Of course, we want to attend your banquet, but we fail to arrive with humility and thanksgiving. Often, we just can't fit you into our busy schedules. Forgive us, Lord, when we are haughty and our faith is weak. Have mercy upon us when we fail to acknowledge that we need your presence in every moment. When we breathe, remind us that your Spirit will fill us, refresh us, strengthen us, and equip us to be your loving and righteous presence in this world. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen!** (*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**

Isaiah 25:1-9; OT Page 652

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 22:1-14; NT Page 24

**SERMON**

“More Than an RSVP”

Rev. Dorothy LaPenta

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

“Allegro”

Valentino

Don Burleson, Recorder; and Carolyn Kuffel, Cello

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*A Brief Statement of Faith* 1991; ¶10.4, lines 65-75)

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Prayer family of the week:** Elizabeth and Nathaniel McLean

**Prayer institution of the week:** First 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.

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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

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*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 Denise Smith.*

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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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