

# Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

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

Pretty sure this is the bridge you take to get to  
2021..



# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18, 2020

10:30 a.m.

## PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Eternal God, author of our life and end of our pilgrimage: Guide us by your Word and Spirit amid all perils and temptations, so that we may not wander from your way, stumble in the darkness, or miss the signs of your sustaining presence. Enable us to journey in faith giving glory at all times to Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PRELUDE

“Change My Heart, O God”

Espinosa

Ruth Andrasco, Nicole Campbell, Cory Gimperling, and Denise Smith; Chimes

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Based upon Pamela Greenberg’s translation of *Psalm 25*)

To you, God, we lift up our souls. Our Help, it is you we have trusted...

**Your roads, O God, let us know them. Your pathways help us to recognize them from the rest.**

Lead us down the way of your truth; teach us its nature.

**For you are the God of our salvation. It is you whose presence we have hoped for all day.**

You are gentle and straightforward, guiding those who stray on the path—leading the humble to walk in justice, teaching the willing the holy road.

**All your paths are kindness and truth to those who uphold the covenant and bear witness to your word.**

## MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“We Are Travelers on a Journey”

Courtney/Gillard

Bill McWhirter, Voice

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, in Christ you have called us to follow you. Yes Lord, we say, if the way be clear. But if it will be difficult, we might be busy, and if the journey will require us to change or grow, it would be better for you to pick someone else. If the route is unfamiliar, we might want to wait a while or pick our own way. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive us for doubting your wisdom and rejecting your way in favor of our own. Forgive us for how easily we fear and how slowly we trust. Bless us with your Spirit so that your past will guide our steps, and your future will fill our dreams. Fill us with your grace, that we may witness to your love now and always. We open our hearts to your direction. *(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**

Exodus 33:12-23; OT Page 80

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Acts 16:6-10; NT Page 136

**SERMON**

“Following Our Way Forward”

Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Anderson

Ruth Andrasco, Nicole Campbell, Cory Gimperling, and Denise Smith; Chimes

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*A Declaration of Faith* 1977; Ch. 9, ¶5, lines 87-102)

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Prayer family of the week:** Mary Looney

**Prayer institution of the week:** Harundale Presbyterian Church (Glen Burnie, 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 Carlene Craytor.*

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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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