

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

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



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Gathering God, you have promised that if we draw near to you, you will draw near to us. In this time, prepare our hearts and minds that we might receive your wisdom and understanding. Relieve our bodies and souls from all the desires and cravings shaped by this world, that we might be filled with your peace. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that our worship might be joyful and authentic, bearing good fruit in our lives with our neighbors. In the name of Jesus Christ, risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Prayer”
Carolyn Kuffel, Cello

Tchaikovsky

LIFE OF THE CHURCH – Minute for Stewardship, Carolyn Kuffel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy One, we live in fearful times. Hold us close in our fears.

Wise One, we live in uncertain times. Hold us close in our uncertainty.

Merciful One, we live in hopeful times. Hold us close and nurture our hope in you.

We come for help to be our best selves in your grace.

We come so that we might serve the Lord in faith.

God who is ever with us, maker, savior, and sustainer of us all. Hold us close in your love, so that we can hold each other in your name.

HYMN (GTG) 754

“Help Us Accept Each Other”
Verses 1 and 2

(Baronita)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all, forgive us for failing to understand and accept the great demands placed upon us by your love in Jesus Christ. We enlist in your causes, but find ourselves losing interest when we have worries of our own. We promise to be courageous, but find ourselves often afraid. We promise to be peacemakers, but peace remains elusive in our own minds and hearts. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive us for being callous when we should be compassionate and judgmental when we should be merciful. By your Spirit, transform our limitations and fill our hearts with your grace, so that we will live and serve you in faith, reconciling the world in your name. *(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

Proverbs 24:17-18; OT Page 606

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:43-48; NT Page 5

SERMON

“Children of the Father”

Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Candle on the Water”
Nicole Campbell, Voice

Kasha and Hirschhorn

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Confession of 1967* inclusive language version; ¶9.31)

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God’s reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation and shares God’s labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer family of the week: Carolyn, Ben, and Peter Kuffel

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 Melissa Hildebrand (410-956-5214) with your prayer request, and the Prayer Support Team will lift these concerns in prayer.

Today's liturgist is Nicole Campbell.

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