



First Presbyterian Church

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

Worship Service - 8:15

Sunday School - 9:10 - 10:10

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Gathered as God's People

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the red friendship pad at the end of each pew, so we will know who is worshipping with us today.

Prelude

The Peace of Christ

James Biery

*Call to Worship

Based on Isaiah 55:1-9

One: Seek the Holy One, who may be found;

Many: Call upon God, who is near.

One: Our thoughts are not God's thoughts,

Many: Nor are God's ways our ways.

One: The holy word that goes out shall not return empty,

Many: but it shall accomplish God's good purpose.

One: We come to hear the holy word, to seek the Holy One,

Many: And to call upon our God, who is near.

*Hymn 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

*Prayer of Adoration

Jack Baxter (8:15)

Patsy Bridges (10:30)

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9

OT pgs. 685-686

One: The Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God.

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the Church, his body. In his name we pray. (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*Gloria 581

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen, amen.***

*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

Many: And also with you.

Children's Conversation (10:30)

(Children through age five may leave the sanctuary for Children's Activity Time, and they may be picked up in the nursery after the 10:30 worship service)

Proclaiming God's Word

Anthem (10:30)

What God Ordains Is Always Good

Donna and Ralph Barr, recorders

What God ordains is always good; His will is just and holy.
As He directs my life for me, I follow meek and lowly.
My God indeed in every need, He well knows how to shield me;
to Him, then, I will yield me.

Prayer for Illumination

Second Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

NT p. 176

Sermon

Back to Basics: The Gospel

Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn

In Christ Alone
see hymn sheet

*Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day
He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth
on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He
shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion
of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offertory

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Reiser

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be. I sing my plain belief, one song my heart outpours: never was pain nor grief, never was love like yours. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.
O who am I, that for my sake my God should take frail flesh and die?

*Doxology 607

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of the People and 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Hymn 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

*Benediction

Postlude

Plenty Good Room

trad. Spiritual, arr. Joseph Joubert

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Anna McGaw Neal given by Ron Neal and family.

*Please stand as able

Music Notes:

The Peace of Christ by James Biery ©2008 Birnamwood Productions

What God Ordains Is Always Good by J. S. Bach©1998 Morning Star Music

Rhosymedre by Ralph Vaughn Williams ©1920 Stainer & Bell. Text by Samuel Crossman

Plenty Good Room arr. J. Joubert © 2000 GIA Publications

In Christ Alone by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend ©2001 Thankyou Music

Sunday School Schedule

9:10-10:10

Pre-K - 5th grade - meets upstairs for Workshop Rotation

Middle School Class (6th - 8th) - meets in the Confirmation Room upstairs

High School Class (9th - 12th) - meets in the Youth Room upstairs

Fellowship Class - Adults of all ages are invited to meet downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying “Rediscovering Jonah: the Secret of God’s Mercy” by Rev. Timothy Keller. This study doesn’t say much about the fish but a great deal about God’s grace and the Christian life.

Chapel Class - We begin each class with the PCUSA Lectionary scripture and then dig in with discussion facilitated by Greg Martin. Adults of all ages welcome!

Wonderful Wednesday Schedule

5:00-5:45 Kindergarten-2nd Grade - “Ready, Set, Worship” with Susie Baxter

3rd-5th Grade - Music with Nancy Reiser

6th-12th Grade - in youth room

5:30-6:00 Dinner for all - Taco Salad

6:00-7:00 Kindergarten - 2nd Grade - Music with Nancy Reiser

3rd-5th Grade - “Pathfinders” with Susie Baxter

6th-12th Grade - with Michael Kneff and Dawn Taylor in youth room

6:00-7:00 Adult Bible Study

7:00 FPC Choir

Announcements

Wonderful Wednesday If you are planning to eat dinner, please fill out the yellow reservation card and put it in the offering plate on Sunday, or email Renea Foster at rfosterfpc@gmail.com or call the church office at 931-388-1985 **by Tuesday at noon**.

Youth Fall Retreat at NaCoMe - September 29 - October 1st. Registration forms and fees are due no later than September 20th. Registration forms are available on the table in the Education wing.

The Property Committee is exploring the possibility of raising funds for the purpose of repaving the High St. parking lot. There will be a short meeting after the 10:30 worship service TODAY for those interested in learning the details, estimated costs (\$30,000) and viability of taking on this project. Please linger in the sanctuary immediately after the service so we can receive your input.

Presby101 - Are you interested in learning more about the Presbyterian church? Do you have questions about what makes First Pres Columbia unique? Whether you're a longtime member interested in a refresher or a brand new visitor curious about joining our church family, you're invited to our Presby101 class on Saturday, September 23rd beginning at 9am at the church. We'll gather in the morning for class and finish after having lunch together around 1pm. Childcare will be available. Please contact the church office **by Wednesday, September 20th** (931-388-1985) if you have any questions and to RSVP.

The Family Center is collecting peanut butter and jelly to add to the food baskets. Collections will be through September. The Family Center staff has been divided into two teams to compete for the most jars collected of either peanut butter or jelly. You may put jars of either, or both, in the box in the Gathering Space. Thank you.

FPC Shirts - If you ordered a t-shirt and have just forgotten to pay for it, please come by the church office or give Renea a call. **We still have some folks that have not paid.** Remember... we did not collect any money before ordering them. We have a few extras if you didn't order one but would like to pick up one. Cost of the shirts are \$30.00.

Newsletter articles for October are due in the office by noon on Tuesday. Please send your articles to sbaxterfpc@gmail.com.

Hearing Devices - The church offers hearing devices to use during the worship service. They are located on the table in the Narthex or see a usher.

Prayer List

We extend our sympathy to Joann Lorch on the death of her father, Ronald Meyer, who joined the Church Triumphant on September 8, 2023.

We extend our sympathy to Larry Richardson on the death of his mother, Lois Jean Richardson, who joined the Church Triumphant on September 9, 2023.

Gary Harrell (father of Andy Harrell), Sam Duncan, Reams Powers, Sally Ewald, Ray Messick and family, Sue Chiles, Barbara Barlar (mother of Janet McAlister), Joe Pugh (brother of Ann Lewis), Bob Sweeney, Imogene Nelson, Joe Graham III, Waymon Hickman, Steve, Roger, and Gary Rampley (brothers of Betty Sloan), Kristin Gwaltney (niece of Jennie Grace Jewell).

Ministers of the Church

Ruling Elders

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Mary Beth Cotham	Andy Crichton	Jeff Baxter
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Terry Hendrickson	Argie Satterwhite	Teresa Smith

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