

# Welcome

**PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, October 31, 2021 | 10:00 am

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude**

*For All The Saints*  
Youth Steel Drums, Sonja Branch, director

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**Lighting of the Candles**

Ciana Mattingly

**Words of Welcome**

Wes Avram

**Call to Worship**

Wes Avram

**\* Opening Hymn**

*A Mighty Fortress*

No. 260

1 *A mighty fortress is our God,  
A bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great,  
And, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.*

3 *And though this world, with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim,  
We tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo! his doom is sure.  
One little word shall fell him.*

2 *Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side,  
The Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is He.  
Lord Sabaoth His name,  
From age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.*

4 *That word above all earthly powers,  
No thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through Him who with us sideth;  
Let goods and kindred go,  
This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still.  
His kingdom is forever.*

**Prayer of Adoration**

Lia Jensen

**Call to Confession**

*Come, Bring Your Burdens to God*  
Chancel Choir

Michael Hegeman  
South African Melody

**Common Confession and Assurance** (unison) Michael Hegeman  
Lord, open unto us light for our darkness, courage for our fear, hope for our despair, peace for our turmoil, joy for our sorrow, strength for our weakness, wisdom for our confusion, forgiveness for our sin, love for our hates, thy Self for our self. Lord, Lord, open unto us! Now hear our silent prayers of confession. (Silence.)

\* **Congregational Response** Come and Fill Our Hearts Jacques Berthier  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia!

\* **Passing of the Peace** Michael Hegeman

**Children's Message** Hillary Mackowski

**Choral Response**  
Go, my children with my blessing, never alone;  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;  
In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever,  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

**Our Common Life** Wes Avram  
**Ministry Moment** Emily Garzolini

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**Offertory** Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Musical Offering *O How Amiable*  
Chancel Choir, Lorraine Brugh, director  
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

*O How amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!  
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord.  
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.  
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,  
And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:  
Every thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:  
They will be alway praising thee.  
The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:  
Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.  
O prosper thou our handiwork.  
O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.*

\* **Doxology** (*Old Hundredth*, no. 592)  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**  
**Praise God, all creatures here below.**  
**Praise God above, ye heavenly host.**  
**Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Selected Verses

Wes Avram

Sermon

*Losing Grip pt 3: Decenter Your Family*

Wes Avram

Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer (unison)

Terilyn Lawson

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

No. 478

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To His feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore His praises sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

3 Fatherlike, He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Widely yet His mercy flows.

2 Praise Him for His grace and favor  
To His people in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

4 Angels, help us to adore Him;  
Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

The Charge

Wes Avram

Sending Music

*Fugue in E flat major BWV 552 St. Anne*  
*(O God Our Help in Ages Past)*  
Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, organ

J.S. Bach

\* Please rise, lift your head, lift your arms, or lift your spirit.

Today's Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer of Howard Thurman (1900-1981).

## *About the Music*

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Today's music uses the psalms in several ways. The opening hymn, "A Mighty Fortress" is a paraphrase of Psalm 46. Martin Luther wrote the tune and the text in German, giving congregations a way to sing the psalm in their own language. Today is Reformation Day, recalling the church reforming during Luther's day, and, indeed also in ours. The choir's offering, "O How Amiable," uses two psalms. It opens with Psalm 84, noting the beauty of being in God's house, and concludes with Psalm 90, in a well-known hymn setting "O God Our Help in Ages Past." Ralph Vaughan Williams composed the choir's anthem, and also the hymn tune "For All the Saints," which the Youth Steel Drums lead in the prelude.

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## Notes of Interest

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**Ushers** are Suzanne Moon, Renee & Jed Schenck, Christie Slegers, and Gene Wade; **Head Usher** is Robert Slegers.

**Student Greeters** are Zadie & Gwendolyn Jensen.

**The Flowers** are given by Paulette & Tom White in memory of Paulette's mother, Pauline Moore.

**About the Lord's Prayer:** In response to our just completed worship emphasis on the Lord's Prayer, we are using the more recent translation of the Lord's Prayer from the *Presbyterian Book of Common Worship*, 2018 edition, in today's service. Worshippers may want to pray in versions or languages of their choosing. A variety of voices, words, and languages may join together in a shared voice of prayer.

## Prayer Requests

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Please pray for the following members & friends:

- *For the Upchurch family on the loss of Bud; a father-in-law, father, and grandfather;*
- *For Rachel, with COVID, on a ventilator;*
- *For Martha, being admitted to Hospice for dementia;*
- *For Pat, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and multiple metastasis;*
- *For Jennifer, dealing with some health issues;*
- *For Mark M., hospitalized with COVID;*
- *For our men and women in the military.*

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