

# Welcome

**PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, September 18, 2022 | 10:00 am

15th Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude**

*Where Can I Turn For Peace?  
Beautiful Savior*  
Valerie Harris, organ

arr. James Kasen  
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**Lighting of the Candles**

Lia Jensen

**Words of Welcome**

Wes Avram

**Call to Worship**

*Rain Down*  
Choir sings first; then all repeat

No. 48

F A7 Dm F7 B<sup>b</sup>  
Rain down; rain down; rain down your  
(D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D) (F#7) (Bm)  
F/A Gm7 C7 F A7 Dm  
love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain  
(D7) (G) (Em) (A7) (G) (D)  
F7 B<sup>b</sup> Gm C7 B<sup>b</sup> F  
down; rain down your love, God of life.

**\*Opening Hymn**

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

No. 396

**Brethren, we have met to worship  
and adore the Lord our God.  
Will you pray with all your power  
while we try to preach the word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit  
of the holy One comes down.  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna  
will be showered all around.**

**Sisters, will you come and help us?**

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Moses' sister aided him.  
Will you help the trembling mourners  
who are struggling hard with sin?  
Tell them all about the Savior.  
Tell them that he will be found.  
Sisters, pray, and holy manna  
will be showered all around.

Is there here a trembling jailer,  
seeking grace and filled with fears?  
Is there here a weeping Mary  
pouring forth a flood of tears?  
Brethren, join your cries to help them;  
sisters, let your prayers abound!  
Pray, O pray, that holy manna  
will be scattered all around.

Let us love our God supremely;  
let us love each other, too.  
Let us love and pray for sinners  
till our God makes all things new.  
Christ will call us home to heaven;  
at his table we'll sit down.  
Christ will gird himself and serve us  
with sweet manna all around.

Prayer of Adoration

Gwendolyn Jensen

Call to Confession

Erik Khoobyarian

Common Confession and Assurance (unison)

Erik Khoobyarian

O loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection; and in all our sorrows your peace; forgive us, renew us, direct us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Now hear our silent prayers of confession. (silence)

\*Congregational Response

*Alleluia*  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
(Follow the lead of the Cantor)

No. 588

\*Passing of the Peace

Erik Khoobyarian

Children's Message

Erik Khoobyarian

Sacrament of Baptism

Louis Edward

Erik Khoobyarian  
Merry Cole Bender, Assisting Elder  
child of Haley & Scott Steppig

\*Baptism Hymn

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

No. 486, vs. 1-3

Children & 6th-8th Grade Youth leave for Church School

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1 Child of blessing, child of promise,  
baptized with the Spirit's sign,  
with this water God has sealed you  
unto love and grace divine.

2 Child of love, our love's expression,  
love's creation, loved indeed!  
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits;  
into joy and laughter lead.

3 Child of joy, our dearest treasure,  
God's you are, from God you came.  
Back to God we humbly give you:  
live as one who bears Christ's name

## Our Common Life

Wes Avram

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pinnaclepres to 833-245-8445 or online at [pinnaclepres.org/give-now](http://pinnaclepres.org/give-now)

## Offertory

Musical Offering

*Sanctus* from the "Nelson Mass"

J. Haydn

Chancel Choir, Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, director • Valerie Harris, organ

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus  
Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.*

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

## \*Doxology (Azmon)

No. 610, v. 5

**To God all glory, praise, and love  
Be now and ever given  
By saints below and saints above,  
The church in earth and heaven. Amen.**

## Scripture Reading

Luke 16:1-13

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## Sermon

*Dealmaking & Discipleship*

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## Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer (unison)

Erik Khoobyarian

**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.**

## \*Closing Hymn

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

No. 716

**God, whose giving knows no ending,  
from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,  
costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
gifted by you, we turn to you,  
offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever,**

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gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing  
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom,  
races joined, the church made one.

Now direct our daily labor,  
lest we strive for self alone.

Born with talents, make us servants  
fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,  
gain through powers your grace conferred:  
ours to use for home and kindred,  
and to spread the gospel word.

Open wide our hands in sharing,  
as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
serving you by loving all.

\*Charge & Benediction

Wes Avram

Sending Music

*Allegro maestoso* from Sonata No. 4 in Bb  
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

\* Please rise.

Today's Common Confession comes from St. Augustine.

## Notes of Interest

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**Ushers** are Judy & J.D. Helms, Shelly & Tom McCahan, and John Thompson. **Head Usher** is Robert Slegers.

**Student Greeter** is Zadi Jensen.

**The flowers are given** by Alyce & Ralph Bryant in memory of Alice Mae & Theodore Roosevelt Preston.

# Scripture

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Luke 16:1-13

## The Parable of the Dishonest Manager

16 Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. 2 So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ 3 Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4 I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ 5 So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ 6 He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ 7 Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ 8 And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. 9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

10 “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. 11 If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? 13 No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

# Prayer Requests

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Please pray for the following members & friends:

- For Pam, with stage 4 pancreatic cancer;
- For Lisa and Diane’s steady return to good health;
- For Barb J and her doctors as medical solutions are determined;
- For Ted’s continuing improvement;
- For John & Myrna on their new journey;
- For Dave in Tucson for healing after surgery and other health issues;
- For our healthcare workers, first responders, and local and federal government workers who are serving our communities during these challenging times;
- For our men and women in the military.

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