

Welcome

PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 17, 2023 | 10:00 am
16th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude	<i>Largo and Allegro</i> from Trumpet Concerto in E-flat major Josh Coffey, trumpet • Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ	J.B.G. Neruda
Lighting of the Candles		Morgan Everton
Words of Welcome		Wes Avram
Call to Worship		Wes Avram
*Opening Hymn	<i>The Church of Christ in Every Age</i> 1 The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead. 2 Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die. 3 Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity. 4 For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood, and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude. 5 We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord: to care for all, without reserve, and spread Christ's liberating word.	No. 320
Prayer of Adoration		Morgan Everton
Call to Confession		Erik Khoobyarian

Common Confession and Assurance (unison)

Erik Khoobyarian

One: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

(Time for silent confession.)

One: For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

All: Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we might delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

One: By dying, Christ destroyed our death.

All: In rising, Christ restores our life;

One: In giving us his Spirit,

All: He grants us peace.

One: Let us rise and sing praise.

***Congregational Response** (unison) *We Are Forgiven*

No. 447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

***Passing of the Peace**

Erik Khoobyarian

One: The peace of our Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Oh, How I Love Jesus

Leah Quarles
arr. Susan E. Geschke

Children's Handbell Ensemble, Thomas Strawser, director

Children & Youth, K-12th, will remain in worship with their families.
Nursery and preschool are available.

Congregational Response (unison)

No. 547

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

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Offertory

Musical Offering

On This Glorious Day

Mark Patterson

Children's Choir, Samantha Jorgensen, director
Chancel Choir, Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, director
Josh Coffey, trumpet • Jon Lang, piano

(Refrain)

*Rejoice! Give thanks,
for God has done marvelous things
In the midst of this place.*

*Ring out! Proclaim,
O church, on this glorious day,
sing a glad song of praise.
Great are the gifts God has given us all.
Let us arise now and answer
God's call as we learn about Christ
And serve as He served us all.*

(Refrain)

*Alleluia, alleluia, unto God alone
we give our thanks and praise.*

*Lord, You have been our dwelling place
From one generation to another.
Our strength in age, our joy in youth,
Our hope for years to come.
God of love and grace,
To you we lift our praise,
To you alone we sing.*

(Refrain)

*Alleluia, alleluia, unto God alone
we give our thanks and praise*

*Doxology (*Old Hundredth*) (unison)
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.

No. 606

***Prayer of Dedication**

Wes Avram

Scripture Reading

Matthew 15:32-37

Judith Brackett

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

What's Next? God Knows

Judith Brackett

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**

We Are One in the Spirit

No. 300

**1 We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:**

Refrain:

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**2 We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)**

**3 We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)**

**4 All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)**

***Charge & Benediction**

Judith Brackett

***Sending Music**

Chorale Improvisation on *Now Thank We All Our God*
Benjamin Sidoti, organ

S. Karg-Elert

*Please rise.

Scripture

Matthew 15:32-37

32 Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way.”

33 His disciples answered, “Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?”

34 “How many loaves do you have?” Jesus asked.

“Seven,” they replied, “and a few small fish.”

35 He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. 36 Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. 37 They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

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About Our Guest Preacher

Rev. Judith Brackett is a second career PCUSA pastor. Before entering Princeton Theological Seminary in 2010, Judith taught for over 20 years at schools in New York City, Philadelphia, and Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. Having spent most of her adult life in first grade, she jokes that she is able to see the six-year-old in everybody.

Born and raised in rural Maine, where she was active in the local mission church, after seminary Judith has served in a variety of churches in Philadelphia and environs. She has been an associate pastor at a church in Glenside, PA; led a predominately African-American congregation in Philadelphia; ministered to children, youth, and their families at a church in Ardmore, PA; and currently is the transitional pastor at Supplee Presbyterian Church in Maple Glen, PA.

Notes of Interest

Ushers are Michelle & Adam Rogers, Greg Sharp, Matthew Sidoti, and Mark Steel; **Head Usher** is Lily Rogers.

The Flowers are given by Richard Alsager in memory of Marilyn (Lynn) Alsager who joined our Lord on September 12, 2021.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following members & friends:

- For Brenda, with stage 3 metastatic cancer;
- For Norm, with heart failure and his wife caring for him;
- For Jack, recovering from a broken hip and a stroke;
- For Augie, a newborn having heart surgery;
- For Lillian, beginning a third round of chemo for ovarian cancer;
- For Maui, Haiti, Morocco, Libya, Loretta D., Barbara B., and kids traveling to college;
- For our healthcare workers, first responders, and local and federal government workers who are serving our communities;
- For the people of Haiti and Harmony Ministries;
- For our men and women in the military.

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