

Welcome

PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 24, 2023 | 10:00 am

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Yisker (Hebrew Prayer) from *Suite hebraïque*
Oyfn Pripetshik (Yiddish Melody)
Daga Suchon Hobbs, violin • Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, piano

G. Perlman
M. Warshawsky

Lighting of the Candles

Reagan Everton

Words of Welcome

Wes Avram

Call to Worship

Erik Khoobyarian

***Opening Hymn**

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

No. 619

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the Maker all your days!

2 Praise God for the grace and favor
shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

3 Like a loving parent caring,
God knows well our feeble frame,
gladly all our burdens bearing,
still to countless years the same.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All within me, praise God's name!

4 Angels, teach us adoration;
you behold God face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Prayer of Adoration

Reagan Everton

Call to Confession

Wes Avram

Common Confession and Assurance (unison)

Wes Avram

Almighty God, forgiveness is yours alone. Grace is yours alone. Our sin is ours, individually and collectively, but it is you who offer us grace. It is you who delivers us from the captivity of our sinful ways. Forgive us also for our inability to accept your grace. Forgive us for our desire to withhold your grace from others. Now hear our silent prayers of confession. (silence)

*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

Wes Avram

One: The peace of our Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Michael Hegeman

Children pre-K-8th Grade leave for Church School.
9th-12th Grade Youth will remain in worship with their families.
Nursery is 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

Ministry Moment

George Welu, Habitat for Humanity

For those joining us online, you may make your donation by texting
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Offertory

Musical Offering

The Call

Z. Randall Stroope

Chancel Choir, Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, director
Daga Suchon Hobbs, violin • Benjamin Sidoti, organ

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death*

*Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love*

*Doxology (*Old Hundredth*) (unison)

No. 606

**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.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Wes Avram

Scripture Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

Erik Khoobyarian

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Thank God

Erik Khoobyarian

Special Music

Thanks Be to God

Ch. Gluck

Schae Chapman, soprano • Daga Suchon Hobbs, violin
Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, piano

*Thanks be to God for all the blessings;
O thanks be to God for great love.
Peace be to them who walk in the Spirit;
O peace be to them who live in Christ.
Christ overcame death and the grave.
Thanks be to God, who gives the victory;
Thanks be to God for Christ, beloved Son;
Thanks be to God.*

Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer (unison)

Leah Quarles

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

Let All Things Now Living

No. 37

1 Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us;
pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished,
all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

2 By law God enforces,
the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

***Charge & Benediction**

Erik Khoobyarian

***Sending Music**

We Shall Overcome
Charles Frost, organ

arr. Carl Haywood

*Please rise.

About the Music

We welcome Charles Frost who will lead us from the organ bench in the Sending Hymn and will deliver the Postlude. Later this afternoon he will give an organ recital, to which we heartily invite you! Charles Frost has served as Minister of Music in churches in California, Long Island, New York, and Grand Rapids, Michigan. In May 2023, he retired as the organist at First Presbyterian Church, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

Frost is active as an organ recitalist and workshop clinician. He is a member of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians and The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada where he is President Elect. He was a member of the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song which developed *Glory to God*, the most recent Presbyterian Hymnal, which Pinnacle adopted as our primary hymnal in 2022.

Scripture

Matthew 20:1-16

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

20 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard.
2 He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

3 “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. 4 He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ 5 So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. 6 About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

7 “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

8 “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

9 “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. 10 So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. 11 When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 12 ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

13 “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? 14 Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. 15 Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

16 “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

New Revised Standard Version Updated (NRSV)

Notes of Interest

Ushers are Debbie & Jack Bender, Nancy Holloran, Shelly & Tom McCahan, Jean Nemer, Christie Slegers, and John Thompson; **Head Usher** is Robert Armstrong.

The Flowers are given by Kim & David Schaller in memory of Kim's sister, Cindy Donaldson.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following members & friends:

- For Carol, to recover from a bad fall;
- For Molly, with a kidney stone;
- For Leila, with heart & kidney failure;
- For Mark, recovering from knee surgery and blood clots;
- For Elizabeth, whose cancer has returned;
- For Aria Marie, new granddaughter;
- For Ed, as he mourns the loss of his wife;
- For my wife, as she transitions;
- 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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