

W CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

17th Sunday
after Pentecost
September 16, 2018

Sing a New Song!

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

- Prelude *Arioso from Cantata 156* Carol Marchant
by J.S. Bach/Williams Guest Organist
- Welcome Brad Clayton
- Choral Introit *Surely the Lord is in this Place* Chancel Choir
by Herbert Colvin
- *Call to Worship (*responsive*) Adrianna Scheer
Come with your questions, come with your awe!
For the God who moves over the chaos meets us in this place.
Come with your energy, come with your weariness!
For the God who breathes new life into the dust meets us in this place.
Come with your sadness, come with your joy!
For the God who dared to become human meets us in this place.
- *Hymn No. 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*
- *Call to Confession *Come, Bring Your Burdens to God* Hymn No. 851
**Come, bring your burdens to God; come, bring your burdens to God;
Come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.**
- Prayer of Confession Atticus Miller
We confess this day, O merciful God,
That we have not always acted in just ways nor sought justice for our friends and neighbors. We have found it easy to turn our backs on problems rather than seek to be a solution to them. We have heard of the many ways in which You have demonstrated peace with justice through the ministries of Your Son, yet we have given only sporadic attention to them. (*silent reflection*)
Forgive us, Lord.
Heal our selfishness and brokenness. Cause us to be witnesses to Your great love as shown to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.
- Kyrie
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Atticus Miller

This is the good news: Christ died for us that we might have life.
Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri

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.

*The Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

(During the Passing of the Peace, children are invited to come forward for the time with our young disciples.)

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer With Our Young Disciples

Trinity Whitley

(After the children's time, parents are welcome to take 3-5 year olds to the playground for Children's Enrichment. Please sign in your children with the nursery staff there.)

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1:26-31 (*pew Bible p. 1*)

Brad Clayton

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Divine Reflection

Brad Clayton

Response to the Word

*Hymn No. 760

Bring Many Names

Offering

Offertory

Immortal, Invisible
arr. Patrick Liebergen

Chancel Choir
words, Hymnal p. 12

Prayer of Dedication (*responsive*)

Adrianna Scheer

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Doxology

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

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Trinity Whitley

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 at 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.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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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 No. 846

Fight the Good Fight

Sending Out Into the World

*Charge & Benediction

Brad Clayton

*Congregational Response

Amen

Hymnal p. 601

Postlude

Rigaudon
by Campra/Williams

Carol Marchant

*Live Simply, Love Generously, Serve Faithfully, Speak Truthfully, Pray Daily,
and Leave Everything Else to God*

Officer Nominations Open. Know someone who would be a good leader? The Officer Nominating Committee is accepting nominations from the congregation for deacons and elders during the month of September. Nomination forms are available in the lobby, church office and on the website. Completed forms may be dropped in the offering plate on any Sunday in September.

Gather Coffee Bar, located in Fellowship Hall, is open on Sunday mornings, 9:15-10:15 a.m., and on Wednesday evenings, 6-7 p.m. Come share fellowship over a cup of coffee and pastries!

Men's Breakfast is this Friday, 7 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. Join other men for food and fellowship on the first and third Fridays of each month. Contact is Bill Hollimon, bill@hollimonpa.com.

Presbyterian 101. Interested in knowing more about our Reformed heritage? Join Trinity Whitley for *Presbyterian 101*, meeting in September during Sunday School (9:30), in the Preschool Conference Room. Please let Trinity know if you would like to attend any of the remaining sessions.

Single Again. The Single Again Group will hold its monthly meeting today from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Small Conference Room. Attorney Matt Sirmans will lead a discussion on "Whether to arrest or not; how the Fourth Amendment applies in police-citizen encounters." We will also share information on upcoming social activities and community outreach opportunities. All singles are welcome. Contact Ruth Bedell, rbedell@rocketmail.com for more information.

Wednesday Night Alive. Dinner begins at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (ham, mac & cheese, mixed veggies, rolls, salad, pineapple upside down cake) followed by programs for all ages. Join us!

Faith Formation. This week's topic is a *General Assembly Update* by Mary Keyt. Every two years, PCUSA gathers nationally for worship and discernment and takes up overtures brought from Presbyterians that determine changes in our polity and ways that we represent Christ to the world. Mary Keyt, a Faith member, represented our Presbytery at this year's General Assembly and will give an update on their work.

Women's Bible Study—Philippians. This September, join Julianne Clayton for a 4-week study through the book of Philippians. Teaching and discussion will focus on joy, humility, contentment, and community. The group meets in the Parlor at 4:00 p.m. on September Sundays. If interested in attending the remaining sessions, RSVP by emailing Julianne (juleclay@gmail.com).

Sojourners Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, **September 18**, 7 p.m. in Room 110. All are welcome to join this study of 2 Peter and Jude.

Children's Worship will resume on Sunday, **September 23** upstairs in Room 206.

Fellowship Luncheon. There will be a church-wide Fellowship Luncheon after worship on Sunday, **September 23**. Please bring a dish to share with our guests according to the first letter of your last name: A-H side dish, I-L dessert, M-Z main dish. Drop off your dish in Fellowship Hall before Sunday School or worship, where it can be kept cool or warm until lunch. Please do not bring any dishes with nut products, as some have severe allergies.

Book Talk. Join September's *Book Talk* on Thursday, **September 27**, for a discussion of *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. The group will meet in the Faith Library at 10 a.m.

The Pumpkins are Coming! Sign-up is now live at www.faithpcusa.org/pumpkins to help the Patch: work a shift or two, help unload pumpkins, paint faces, read at story time, provide baked goods to sell, bring a side item for the Patch Kickoff.

Pumpkin Patch Kickoff is Sunday, **October 7**, 6 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. Check out this month's newsletter (available online or in the brochure rack in the lobby) for more information!

Stewardship Update

Budget YTD: \$870,049

Received YTD: \$834,569

Spent YTD: \$779,755



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