

Serving Today

LITURGISTS: Cheryl Rice - Chapel
Richard Meyer - Sanctuary
SOUND: Olin Babb
WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY: Youth Group Members
GREETERS & USHERS: Cheryl Rice - Chapel
GREETERS & USHERS: Bill and Marian Adams - Sanctuary
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Katy Mink

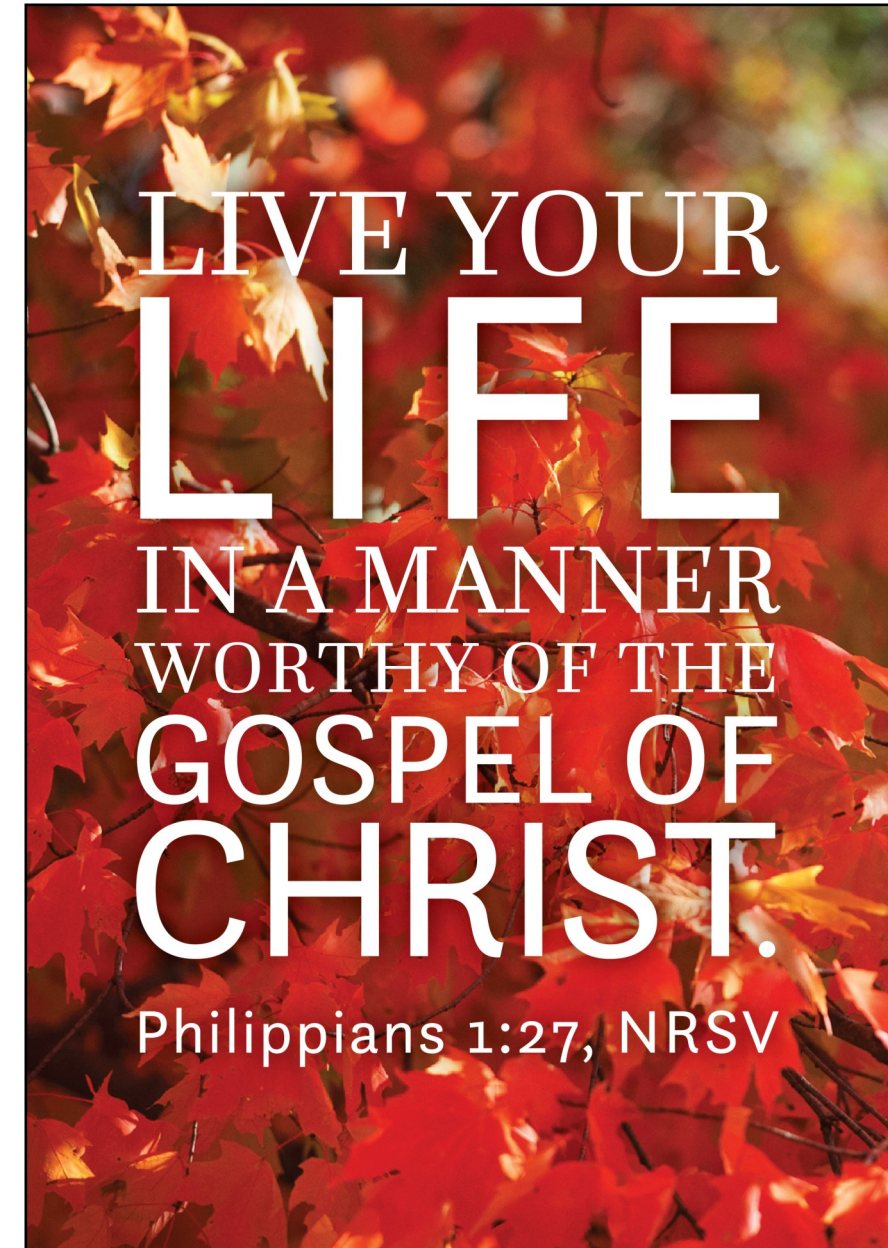
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*Seeking to see the face of Christ...
Striving to be the hands of Christ*



Service for the Lord's Day
Oct. 16, 2022
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY
MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP ~ Mary Easley

PRELUDE

8:45

“Sarabande”

Domenico Zipoli

11:00

Variations on the Shaker Tune *Simple Gifts*

Noel Goemanne

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather as God's people in a world divided and distressed.

People: **Yet we gather as one people, united by God.**

Leader: We gather as God's people, following Jesus who is worthy.

People: **We steadfastly travel forward together.**

Leader: We gather as God's people, frightened by whirlpools of worry
which spin us out of control.

People: **Yet we go with confidence, following in the unfailing steps
of Jesus the Christ, whose name we praise.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 826

“Lift High the Cross”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, Jesus’ disciples left all they had to follow him. He promised them hardship, rejection, a loss of comfort, and a cross to carry. We give lip service to following you but complain when it is difficult. We question why when suffering comes, and choose to ignore the parts of the gospel that disrupt our security. Forgive our desire to have it both ways - to follow, but at no cost; to claim you, but not risk anything on your behalf. We are entitled to share in your joy only as we share also in your suffering. Give us boldness and courage, by the power of your Spirit, to be your disciples in truth and deed, not just in word...

(silent prayer)

KYRIE D. Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God is slow to anger and quick to forgive. Hear the good news and receive it with joy:

In Jesus Christ we receive pardon from sin and freedom to live as new creations.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE

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.***

(11:00)* *(remain standing)*

“Then Shall the Righteous Shine”(Matt.13)

F. Mendelssohn

Noe Amellal, tenor

Then, then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Father’s realm...

Joy on their head shall be forever lasting... and all sorrow and mourning shall flee away, shall flee away forever.

Then, then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Father’s realm...

*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 1:27-30

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:49-53

SERMON

“Unintended Consequences”

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 177

“I Will Come to You”

*A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

PCUSA

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. He proclaimed God’s reign. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life, who justifies us by grace through faith, who sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45)

“God of the Fertile Fields”

No. 714

***God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields - our daily bread:
forth from your bounteous hand come gifts your love has planned, that all in every land be clothed and fed.***

***We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you - all that you give;
Help us in love to share, teach us like you to care for people everywhere, that all may live.***

(11:00)

“O Lord, Most Holy”

C. Franck

*O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty, O loving Father, here we bow before thy throne.
Help us to know thee; know thee and love thee. Father, Father, grant us thy truth and grace.
Father, Father, guide and defend us.*

*Rule thou our willful hearts. Keep thine our wandering thoughts. In all our sorrows, may we find our rest in thee.
And in temptation’s hour, save through thy mighty power. Thine aid O send us, hear us in mercy.
Show us thy favor; so shall we live, and sing praise to thee.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Use these gifts, O God, to testify to your great love for the world revealed in Jesus Christ. May they serve as signs of hope to those who are suffering, fearful or discouraged. In Jesus' name, we pray.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 738

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

8:45

“Ode to Joy”

arr. Melody Bober

11:00

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*Those who are able please stand