

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Beethoven

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE “*Let your light shine*” Matt. 5:16

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

+CALL TO WORSHIP Elizabeth Lambert, Liturgist

Leader: People of God:
Come, magnify the Lord with me.
Let us exalt His name together.

**People: We will bless the Lord at all times.
His praise shall continually be in our mouths.**
(Based on Psalm 34:1, 3)

+Prayer of Adoration

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you summon us to put away bitterness and anger, and with tenderhearted kindness to share the fruit of our labor with the needy. Strengthen us by your grace, that in communion with you, we may forgive one another and live in love as Christ loved us. Hear us now as we pray the prayer that Christ, our brother, taught us, saying,

**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 OF PRAISE No. 620, vs. 1,2,4
Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION Liturgist

Liturgist: Sisters and brothers: Whoever hates a brother or sister walks in the darkness and does not know the way to go because the darkness has brought on blindness. Let us confess our sins before God and one another so that we may walk in the light and see.

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against our adversaries. We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than share our bounty with the needy. We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness but have indulged in evil gossip. We have not forgiven the wrongs that others have done, even though we desire your forgiveness toward us in Jesus Christ. Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD’S MERCY Liturgist

Leader: Receive the good news: We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. Friends, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Returning next Sunday, October 3: **TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES & WOW***

+HYMN OF PARDON No. 667, vs. 1,2,3
When Morning Gilds the Skies

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Liturgist

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Liturgist

Old Testament: Psalm 34:1-14 OT p. 471

New Testament: 1 John 2:1-11 NT p. 211

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-6 NT p. 9

This is the Gospel of Christ. **Praise be to you O Christ.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Rev. Kevin M. Campbell

“Talking the Talk; Walking the Walk”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory Mangore
La Catedral

+Doxology #606
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

+Prayer of Dedication

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle’s Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life-everlasting. Amen.

+HYMN OF SENDING No. 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

+CHARGE AND BLESSING

+POSTLUDE Williams
Guide Me Thou O Great Jehovah

+ALL WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Due to rising case counts and wide community spread, breakthrough infections, and positive COVID church exposure, the Session feels reinstating the Church’s face covering protocol is a good first-step in keeping the Church open for in-person activities and worship.

VISITORS: We are delighted to have you with us this morning and hope you feel at home. Please let us know a bit about you by filling in your information in the Friendship Register. **A nursery is available** for infants and children through age 3. If you need directions an usher can assist you. **HEARING DEVICES** are also available for the hearing impaired from an usher.

Thank you to **Angela Campbell, Elizabeth (Liz) Lambert** and **John Sharpe** for assisting with the music and worship service today.

Please remember **Sherrye May and family** in prayer following the passing of her son, **David**, who joined the church triumphant on Saturday, September 18th. Farris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

THE PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING will be collected on October 3, World Communion Sunday. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering offers light to those in the shadows and guides us all into the ways of peace. We come together to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world.

HURLEY, VA FLOOD ASSISTANCE – Flood victims need of the following items: towels, wash cloths, dish towels, potholders, small kitchen appliances, new socks and underwear for all adult sizes. Please drop your donation at the church for delivery, Thursday, September 30th.

NEXT SUNDAY, October 3rd, we will collect the **Hunger Offering** to benefit Ecumenical Faith in Action. For the month of August, your financial contributions and volunteer hours helped feed 569 families. EFIA also provided \$18,236 in crisis assistance funds to help area residents. In addition, EFIA provided gift certificates to the New Life Thrift Shop that were redeemed for \$5,182 in clothing items. Finally, Crossroads Medical saw 32 patients at no charge during the month. Thank you for your continued support of EFIA as they seek to aid those in our community who live in poverty.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated food/drinks to the Abingdon Elementary Backpack Program!

A FLU VACCINATION CLINIC will be held immediately following worship, Sunday, October 10. If you are interested in receiving a flu vaccination, please contact the church office to reserve your spot!

WANT TO HELP? Our hearts go out to all the people who have been impacted by the recent wildfires, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, and the refugee crisis. Please consider donating to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help people around the world affected by these disasters. You may give by noting **PDA** on your check or online contribution.

SINKING SPRING will participate in the **HAUNTED HILL TRUNK OR TREAT** on Saturday, October 23rd, from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. up around Academy Drive at William King Museum of Arts. We will give out treat bags to the children who participate. We will need **A LOT** of candy. If you would like to donate candy, please drop it off at the church, *or if you would like for someone to pick up the candy for you, simply note "candy" on your check or money envelope.* If you would like to assist with the event, please contact Richie Hooker or Angie Haynes.

ATTENTION YOUTH: Holston Youth Retreat at Holston Camp in Banner Elk – November 12-14. Contact Judy Wilson to add your name to the "Yes! I am going" list. depending on weather conditions, you will enjoy hiking, Zip Lines and more.

2021 Operation Christmas Child

- Pick up a shoebox from the church or use one of your own
- Choose a boy or girl and the age of the child
- Fill with Gifts (Gift Suggestions available at church or on the website <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>)
- Pray for the child who will receive your gift
- For information about how you can **"FOLLOW YOUR BOX"** check out: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/label-options>
- **PLEASE DO NOT PUT A CHECK FOR THIS OPTION IN YOUR SHOEBOX ... this is something you must do before turning box in for delivery.**
 - **Other Ways to Help**
- You can build a shoebox online - <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>
- **Donate** and we will shop for you. On your check payable to SSPC, simply note "Operation Christmas Child" on the memo line of your check.
- Donate to cover the cost of shipping boxes. On your check payable to SSPC, please note Operation Christmas Child postage.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Women's Circle: 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm

Men's Bible Study 7:00 am Thursday mornings at Shoney's

Pastor's Bible Study: 6:30 pm Tuesdays in person.
10 am Wednesdays by Zoom

Youth: 2nd Sunday of each month following worship

Wonderful Wednesdays: after school on Wednesdays for children K-5th grade, **beginning Oct. 6—remember to turn your forms in.**

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, September 26

10:25 a.m. Bell Rehearsal – Music Room
11:00 a.m. Worship
3:00 p.m. Arts Array Concert – Paramount Chamber Players

Tuesday, September 28

6:30 p.m. Fall Bible Study – The Lord's Prayer – Session 4
8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall
8:00 p.m. Al Anon next to Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 29

10:00 a.m. Fall Bible Study – Zoom- The Lord's Prayer (Ses. 4)

Thursday, September 30

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study – Shoney's

Saturday, October 2

6:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 3

Communion
WOW BEGINS
10:25 a.m. Bell Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship
3:00 p.m. Arts Array Concert – Sus4 Jazz Group

WOW (also known as Children's Church)
will resume for children ages 3 – 6 on October 3rd.

Children in grade 2 and up will worship in the sanctuary with their parents. Worship clipboards are available.

ARIOSO

The Paramount Chamber Players opens its seventeenth concert season with Arioso, a tuneful program of music for voice, cello, and piano duet rich with melody and song.

The program features performers, Cherylonda Fitzgerald, Katherine Benson, Rachel Helton, and Allison Shinnick.

FREE admission for all students. \$10 General Admission.

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Laura Brown (home), Dee Hopkins (home), Bob Horsch (Commonwealth), August Lageman (Rehab at Bristol – Exit 7), Dr. Darlene Litton (Commonwealth), Sherrye May (home), Eleanor Munsey (English Meadows), Bob & Doris Tolar (English Meadows), George Treadwell (home)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONCERNS: Friends and Family of John Bundy, Family and friends of Dr. F. Ellison Conrad, Belden Evans, Walter Holcomb, Anthony Kitchen, **Ashley Long (daughter-in-law of Joel & Ann Long), Family of David May (Sherrye May's son)**, Randa McCall, Marjorie Wing (**Annette Legard's mother**)

AND FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY: Walter Holcomb, Jr., Joseph McGraw, Andrew Wing, Travis Womer

Names remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer

SCHEDULE CHANGE: Dr. Martin Dotterweich has a scheduling conflict for the two Sundays in October but is working on two dates for November...more updates to follow.

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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

*Responding to God's grace,
we are called to be a welcoming community,
following Jesus, serving joyfully,
and sharing God's love with each other
and the world.*

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