



## Announcements

### TODAY, SERVING IN WORSHIP:

- Organist: Richard Tritt
- Reader: Vicki McLaughlin
- Greeters/Ushers: Dan Deardorff; Bob Read; Nancy Tritt
- Fellowship Hosts: Parish Life Committee
- Video: Joe Shane
- Audio: Ray Thomas

### THIS WEEK, IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

- ~ Today, 5 PM: Deacons serve "My Brothers' Table" at The Salvation Army
- ~ Monday AM: Deacons serve breakfast at Community CARES
- ~ Monday, 9 AM: Finance & Stewardship Committee meeting
- ~ Tuesday, 7 PM: Session meeting
- ~ Wednesday, 7 PM: Choir rehearsal
- ~ Thursday, 8 AM: Men's Breakfast
- ~ Thursday, 5:30 PM: "Dining with the Deacons (*details below*)"
- ~ Saturday: Downtown Harvest of the Arts Festival ([harvestofthearts.us](http://harvestofthearts.us))

### THIS WEEK, IN OUR PRAYERS:

- \* in the presbytery: Highland United (Newport); Rev. Nancy McClure
- \* in the community: Messiah College
- \* in the congregation (at random): Kara, Brianna & Jenna Fetter; Art Thompson

### NEXT SUNDAY .....17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.....Sep. 24<sup>th</sup>

- ~ 9:15 AM: Prayer, in the sanctuary
- ~ 9:30 AM: Education hour (*details below*)
- ~ 10:45 AM: Worship; Sermon, "A Fair Wage"; Scripture, Matthew 20:1-16
- ~ After worship: Fellowship time (*hosts are needed for the coming weeks*)



YOU ARE INVITED to attend this week's "Dining with the Deacons"

fellowship dinner:

- Thursday, September 21, 5:30 PM
- Rides available!
- Please help the Deacons plan by signing up in Fellowship Hall **TODAY**,
- The restaurant's website is: [www.blacknbleu.com](http://www.blacknbleu.com).
- POC is Deacon Kathy Mulvey, 717-574-5610.



**MAKE SUNDAY SCHOOL PART OF YOUR FALL!** During the Fall quarter, the adult Sunday School class is using *The Present Word* curriculum. The theme, *God's Law Is Love*, looks at love in the context of God's law. The lessons focus on New Testament texts that radically reinterpret the significance of the Mosaic law for those who love Christ and respond in faith.

- > Unit I – "Love Completes, Law Falls Short" (September)
- > Unit II – "Faith Triumphs, Law Fails" (October)
- > Unit III – "Christ Frees, Law Enslaves" (November)

### About Today's Hymns

~ *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* is based on the scripture verse, "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice" (Phil 4:4). The 1990 Presbyterian hymnal contains three verses of the 1746 version. With a text by Charles Wesley, the tune of this hymn is DARWALL's 148<sup>th</sup>, composed by John Darwall (1731-1789).

~ The text of *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* is based on Matthew 6:12, 'Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.' The author, Rosamond Herklots, relates: 'The idea of writing the *Forgiveness* hymn came to me some years ago when I was digging up docks in a long-neglected garden. Realizing how these deeply-rooted weeds were choking the life out of the flowers in the garden, I came to feel that deeply-rooted resentments in our lives could destroy every Christian virtue and all joy and peace unless, by God's grace, we learned to forgive.' The tune DETROIT appeared anonymously in *Supplement to Kentucky Harmony* (1820).

~ *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* is written by Frederick Faber. It is part of a longer hymn "Souls of Men, Why Will Ye Scatter?" first published in 1854. Faber was ordained an Anglican deacon in 1837 and a priest in 1839. After a brief service to the Church of England, he, like many others in the Oxford movement, became a Roman Catholic priest in 1846. The Dutch melody IN BABILONE appeared in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century, and was later harmonized by Julius Rontgen (1855-1933).

(Source: [The Presbyterian Hymnal Companion](#), by LindaJo H. McKim)



### Members of the Congregation, Ministers

The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor

The Rev. Jon A. Black, Pastor Emeritus

Debby Madden, Educator Emerita

Arthur Thompson, Organist; Ron Richcreek, Music Director

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Welcome to all who have come to worship!

We bid you a warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ.

If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become part of this community of faith and learn about what it means to follow Jesus Christ.

Please join us for worship Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. during summer months (10:45 a.m. otherwise). Find more information at:

[www.firstprescarlisle.org](http://www.firstprescarlisle.org).

# First Presbyterian Church On-the-Square Carlisle, Pennsylvania



## September 17, 2023

### 10:45 a.m.

## The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

### GATHERING

#### PRELUDES

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Innes

*Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown*

Wood

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Jordan

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

~ GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

*'Tis Sweet to Sing the Matchless Love*

Asper/Welch

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*(based on Psalm 103)*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and do not forget all his benefits –

**who forgives all our iniquity, and satisfies us with good!**

#### \* HYMN #155 – “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, our merciful Redeemer,  
we struggle to confess  
that we remain captivated by sin.  
We fail in our love for you,  
forgetting your gracious acts.  
We fail in our love for one another,  
forsaking our neighbors in need.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Let us be no longer bound by sin,  
but released, restored, set free  
to worship and serve you in freedom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**  
*(silent confession . . . ) AMEN*

#### \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \* RESPONSE #579 – “Gloria Patri”

#### \* PASSING THE PEACE

Just as God has forgiven us in Christ Jesus, let us also forgive one another and offer signs of peace and reconciliation.

The peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**

*(Extend a word of peace with one another . . .)*

### PROCLAIMING

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O Lord our God,  
the author and giver of all good things,  
we thank you for all your mercies,  
and for your loving care over all your creatures.  
We bless you for the gift of life,  
for your protection round about us,  
for your guiding hand upon us,  
and for the tokens of your love within us.  
In all these things, O heavenly Father,  
make us wise for a right use of your benefits,  
that we may render an acceptable thanksgiving  
unto you all the days of our lives,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN**

#### FIRST LESSON

Genesis 50:15-21

(O.T., p. 48)

(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

#### CHOIR ANTHEM

“O Sing a New Song”

Angell

#### SECOND LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

(N.T., p. 20)

(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

#### SERMON

“The Math of Forgiveness”

Rev. Anthony Lorenz

#### \* HYMN #347 – “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

#### \* THE APOSTLES' CREED (Traditional)

**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  
on 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 AND LORD'S PRAYER

(p. 16, blue hymnal)

### GIVING THANKS

#### OFFERING OURSELVES

Offertory

*Brother James' Air*

Bain/Jordan

#### \* RESPONSE #587 – “Praise God”

#### \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Eternal God, Creator of all things,  
everything on earth is yours.  
We have nothing that can make you richer,  
for everything comes from your hand.  
But what we have we bring –  
the acknowledgment that we give thanks to you,  
and that without you we have nothing and can do nothing.  
Receive and bless our gifts for your holy work,  
and bless those who offer them to you. AMEN**

### SENDING

#### \* HYMN #298 – “There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

#### \* BENEDICTION

#### \* CLOSING RESPONSE #540 (v. 1)–“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

**“God be with you till we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.”**

#### \* POSTLUDE

*Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Innes

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\* indicates please stand, if able

**BOLD** indicates ALL read

Children's Worship Bulletins are available; an usher can assist you

*After worship*, you are invited to come to Fellowship Hall for conversation and light refreshments. Today we celebrate September birthdays!

*The Sympathy of the Congregation* is extended to the Compton family on the death of Emily Compton on September 12th. Arrangements are incomplete at this time. Emily was a member of this congregation for 59 years, having joined by profession of faith on March 22, 1964. *Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.*