

Morning Worship—September 22, 2019

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor.

**Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, “Amen,” after hymns.*

As the chimes ring in the worship hour,

we invite people to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Op 23 No. 4 (Lord, Speak to Me)” R. Schumann
Ellie Honea, pianist
(based on Psalm 24)

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

People: For he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

People: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false.

Leader: Who is the King of glory?

People: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 485** “To God Be the Glory”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI (579)** GREATOR EX, 1851

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.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Kent Shelton
(children exit for Sunday School)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God, help us to know your ways; teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of all salvation. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON (839/882) I Timothy 2:1-6

ANTHEM “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” arr. Gilbert M. Martin

GOSPEL LESSON (740/779) Luke 16:1-13

SERMON “When a Parable is Difficult” Rev. Steve Willis

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (See Apostles’ Creed in Aids to Worship pew insert)

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 344** “Christ of the Upward Way”

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER (See pew insert)

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offering in Music “All Creatures of Our God and King” with “Kojo no Tsuki” (Moon over the Castle Ruins) Kojo no tsuki reflects on the transience of man and our works, while pointing to the beautiful mystery of a higher, heavenly light that is constant. This arrangement with "All Creatures of Our God and King" reminds us of the one true, never changing, Father of heavenly lights and calls us to praise Him together with all of creation. Alleluia!

Ellie Honea, pianist
***Doxology 591** OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** (insert) “It Is Well With My Soul”
(children return from Sunday School)

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE 540** “God Be With You”

POSTLUDE “Trumpet Tune” by Gordon Young
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL CONCERNS— Brian Anderson (H. Perryman’s brother), Chlodine Bittner (J. Weller’s grandmother), Lisa Bolt, Amy Bracey, Bill Brown, Matthew Dolianitis, Betty & Bill Fitzgerald, Fred Gunn (W. Gunn’s brother), Flo Hall, Bob Lowther, Martha McQueen, Carolyn Miles, Sali Parker (K. Dolianitis), Ella Ryan, Mary Ann Shelton, Andrea Smith (G. Gunn’s cousin), Taz Stephens (P. Brandon’s nephew), Debra Thompson (C. Bolt daughter), Easton Zunker

The concerns of those who wish to remain unnamed. Our PNC Committee.

Our Service Personnel & First Responders. The people of Togo.

ON THE MEND — Mrs. Helen Harris

We will have a congregational meeting today to vote on our new slate of officers, immediately following worship.

Special thank you to Ellie Honea for contributing to our music today as our guest pianist. We are grateful for your work and continue to pray God's blessings on you.

Our Wednesday Night Suppers will resume Wednesday Sept. 25th at 6 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Ellie Honea. Everyone will want to hear her play the piano and she will discuss the many things she did in Tokyo. Our meal will be lasagna, salad, rolls and a tasty dessert. Prices are \$6 per person/ ages 11 and up. Children 10 and under eat free. Max for a family (4 or more) will be \$18. Team 4 will be in charge.

SERVING TODAY

Nursery/Sunday School	H. Beale
Combined Sunday School	The Jones family
Elders at Front Door	B. Wilson
Security & Side Door	G. Wimer
Visitation	B. Meadema
Deacon to Receive Offering	S. Mathena
Officers to Count Offering	Beale/Meadema
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	R. Beale
Time for Young Disciples	K. Shelton
Sound System	C. B. Strange
Ushers	Team 4
Flower Ministry	Evening Circle
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry Sept. 28th	M. Reynolds/J. Nostrandt
Saturday Lunch Attendance 9/14	38



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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

MONDAY, Sept. 23
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
4:30 p.m. CE Comm.

TUESDAY, Sept. 24
5:15 p.m. Handbells

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 25
5:30 p.m. PNC Committee
6:00 p.m. Youth Group
6:00 p.m. WNS

THURSDAY, Sept. 26
5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, Sept. 27
All Day Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, Sept. 28
11:30 a.m. Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, Sept. 29
9:45 a.m. Sunday School:
See below for Class information
11:00 a.m. Worship
Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS
Noon Fellowship

Opportunities to Study the Word every Sunday Morning

Youth & Adult Sunday School 9:45 a.m.– 10:40 a.m.
Youth (middle & high school) Rm 112 /discussion type class studying scripture lesson used in Sunday’s sermon
Bible Seekers/Rm 109/ “Feasting on the Word” / discussion type class
Bible Study Fellowship/Library/ Ligonier Ministry’s “Tabletalk Magazine” / discussion type class
Outlook/Rm 322/“The Present Word” / lecture type class
The Children’s Extended Time (mid-worship 11:15-12:00) Deep Blue Cokesbury Curriculum
K-2 /Rm304/various instructors/Gr 3-5/Rm 306/various instructors
Nursery care from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM & Sunday School for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.