FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

21st Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. October 17, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship (Psalm 19:7-11)

One: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.

**All: The decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple.**

One: The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart.

**All: The commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes.**

One: The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.

**All: The ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**

One: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold.

**All: Sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

One: Moreover by them is your servant warned.

**All: In keeping them there is great reward.**

Prayer for the Day (Unison)

**Grant us, O Lord, the grace always to do and think what accords with your purposes; that we, who cannot exist without you, may be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn “Blessed Jesus, At Your Word”  No. 395

Prayer of Confession

One: The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us  Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.  Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

**All: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be.  You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.  By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.  Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*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.**

We Hear God’s Word Proclaimed

Special Music “The Lord Is My Shepherd” Juanita Ratliff

Music by Abraham Kaplan

Scripture Reading Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

Scripture Reading Mark 9:38-50

Sermon “Living as People of God” Rev. Joyce Lieberman

\*Hymn “God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me” No. 543

Prayers Of The People And The Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed

**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.**

Offertory

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

\*Hymn  “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” No. 546

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

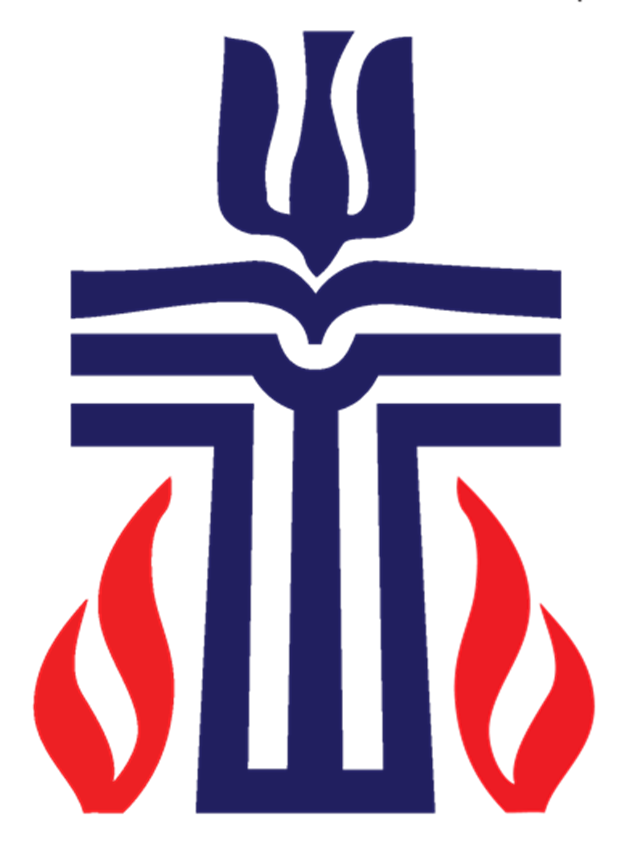
**\*Those who are able, please stand**.

We warmly greet all who have come to worship God. Your presence will enhance our worship experience and our fellowship together. Sincere thanks to each of you for your participation in the service. Glory be to God!

**Leading Worship:** Joyce Lieberman, Executive and Stated Clerk of the Synod of South Atlantic; Juanita Ratliff, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director; Marne Helberg, Elder of the Month.

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Rev. Joyce Lieberman is the Executive and Stated Clerk of the Synod of South Atlantic of the Presbyterian Church (USA), beginning her service June 1, 2017, and is a minister member of St. Augustine Presbytery.

Rev. Lieberman was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) on June 19, 1983.  She served as an associate pastor in a large downtown congregation and an interim pastor in a redeveloping urban congregation in Portland, Oregon.  She served as co-pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, with her husband, Chris, and as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Santa Fe.  Rev. Lieberman served with the Office of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) as Associate for Call System Support, Manager for Polity Guidance and Training, and Director for Constitutional Interpretation.

 Rev. Lieberman is a graduate of the University of Portland, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and San Francisco Theological Seminary, where she earned a Master of Divinity. She has a certificate in Executive Leadership from McCormick Theological Seminary.  Rev. Lieberman is married to Rev. Chris Lieberman.  They have a daughter, Laura, son-in-law, Zack, and grandsons, Quentin and Max, in Rome, Georgia and a son, Eric, daughter-in-law, Jacque, and granddaughters, Lily and Aria, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**Announcements**

**Called Congregational Meeting** following worship, today to elect nominating committee for 2021

**Session Meeting** Monday, October 18th 6pm

**Choir** RehearsalsWednesdays beginning October 20th 7 pm

**Mission Committee** meeting October 21st 10am

**Beginning October 31, 2021,** Sunday school will start at 9:45 am and the Worship service will start at 11:00 am

**Monday Morning Yoga** 10 am

**Art and Fellowship** Wednesdays 10am in Fellowship Hall

**Prayer Meeting** Thursdays 9:30 am in the church office

**Ushers for Oct 24th:** Bob Helberg, Nancy Bell, Marne Helberg, Cathy Wiggins, Zach Wiggins

*Prayers Of and For The People*

*First Presbyterian Church*

*October 17, 2021*

***Those Fighting Cancer***

*Ruth Harvey-Surgery for Cancer*

*Cedric Jones-Surgery for Cancer*

*Heather(Helberg’s daughter) Treatment for Cancer*

*Jean McCormack(relative of the Early’s)5th Cancer Surgery*

*Judy Neal*

*Ervin Young*

***Illness/Surgery /Hospitalization***

*Melissa Everett-recovering from back surgery*

*Tom Fletcher-Recovering from back surgery*

*Cheryl Gregory-Eye Surgery*

*Lynn Williams -Hospital/heart condition*

***Other Concerns***

*Our Session members*

*St Augustine Presbytery*

*Church Service and Congregational/meeting 10/17/21*

*(to choose members of the nominating committee)*

*Session Meeting 10/18/21*

*Marne Helberg-health and peace to her*

*Traveling mercies for members, neighbors, and friends*

*Carrie Albritton-office duties*

*Jalen Albritton-Beginning home school*

*Our state and nation*