

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
13th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. August 22, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

People: The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.

Leader: The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

People: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.

Leader: Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from every one.

People: God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.

Leader: Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

All: O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (see insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your

will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

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.

*HYMN "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" (see insert)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE READING Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 6:10-20

SERMON The Rev. Natasha Sudderth-Davis

SPECIAL MUSIC

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

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

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.

*SENDING HYMN “Cornerstone” (see insert)

*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: The Rev. Natasha Sudderth-Davis, Pastor; Marilyn Culpepper, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director; Karl Morgan, Elder of the Month; Cover Image, Personification of Faith, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=29224> [retrieved August 19, 2021].

Announcements

Perry Caregiver Group Meeting Aug. 26th at 10:30 am

Monday Morning Yoga 10 am

Operation Christmas Child Aug. collection list is available

Art and Fellowship Wednesdays 10am in Fellowship Hall

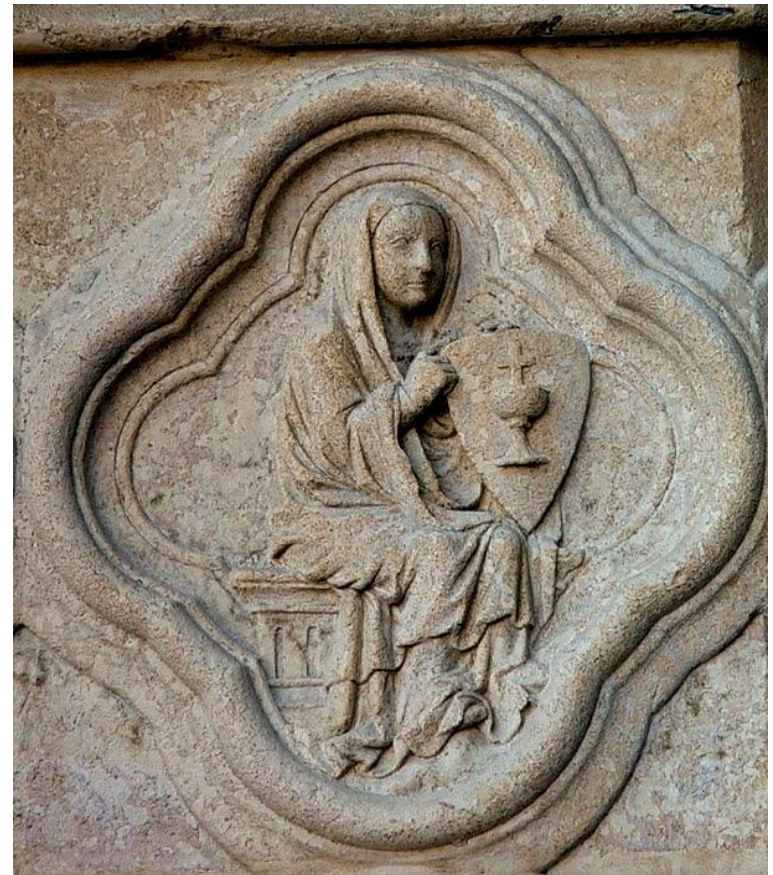
Prayer Meeting Thursdays 9:30 am in the church office

Ushers for Aug 29th: Bob Helberg, Nancy Bell, Marne Helberg, Cathy Wiggins, Zachary Wiggins.



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Personification of Faith

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe, doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed, his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

Jesus, the very thought of thee, with sweetness fills my breast.
but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mind recall
a sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of us all.

O Hope of every contrite heart, O Joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this, nor tongue nor pen can show.
the love of Jesus, what it is, none but his loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be.
Jesus, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.

“Cornerstone”

My hope is built on nothing less; Than Jesus blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest friend; But wholly trust in Jesus name.
My hope is built on nothing less; Than Jesus blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest friend; But wholly trust in Jesus name;

Christ alone; Cornerstone
Weak made strong; In the Saviour's love
Through the storm; He is Lord; Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.

Christ alone; Cornerstone
Weak made strong; In the Saviour's love
Through the storm; He is Lord; Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound; Oh, may I then in him be found.
Dressed in his righteousness alone; Faultless stand before the throne

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