

**16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 12, 2021**

**Director of Christian Education
Director of Music/Organist
Church Secretary
Clerk of Session**

**Rev. (Dr.) Randall McGee
Mr. Gary O'Neal
Ms. Kat Hutchings
Ms. Marilyn Jackson**

Order of Worship

Prelude

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”
(arr. Jason D. Payne)

Gary O’Neal, Organist

(Silent meditation and prayer)

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the seeker find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful be comforted. Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation, and the young be inspired, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(At this time, please silence your cell phone.)

Welcome and *Greeting One Another

Liturgist

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Liturgist and Congregation

Sing to the Lord a new song

Sing to the Lord all the earth

Sing to the Lord. Praise God’s name.

Praise God every day.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

No. 307

* Prayer of Adoration

Liturgist

* Gloria Patri

Congregation

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. Amen.

* Affirmation of Faith – Apostles’ Creed (Unison)

Liturgist and Congregation

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.

* Invitation to stand

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Guest Preacher and Congregation

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.

(In silence confess your personal sins to God.)

Kyrie Eleison

Congregation

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy.
You are the Christ, giver of mercy.
You are the Lord, giver of mercy.**

Declaration of God's Pardon

Guest Preacher

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Unison) Guest Preacher and Congregation

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.

To share your joys and concerns, please contact the pastor or the church office.

The Offering

Offertory

A public offering to God is one of the oldest forms of worship. Although we give in varied ways through the week, our participation in the Sunday Offering is a witness to God and to the world of our love and commitment.

If you have not already done so, please drop your offering in the offering plates located at the front and back of the Sanctuary as you exit the building.

*** Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Doxology No. 606

**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**

Guest Preacher

Anthem

"Come Follow Me"
(arr. Joseph Martin)

Sanctuary Choir

Lessons from Scripture

Prayer of Illumination

Liturgist

First Reading: James 3:1-12 (p. 1012 Pew Bible)

Liturgist

Response: This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: Mark 8:27-38 (p. 844 Pew Bible)

Guest Preacher

Response: This is the Gospel of Christ!

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

“A Little Goes a Long Way”

Traci Truly

* **Hymn**

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

No. 726

* **Charge and Benediction**

Guest Preacher

* **Postlude**

Organist

Flowers this Morning Are Given to the Glory of God

By Christi Malouf

In Celebration of Mike's Birthday

Hearing assistance devices are available.

Please check with an usher.

Assisting in worship today is Dee Huckaba, liturgist.

The usher is Danny Robinson, and the greeter is Charlene Taylor.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12th

Sunday	12:00	Yoga
	12:00	Mission/Outreach Com. Mtg.
Tuesday	6:00	CE Committee Mtg.
	6:00	Stewardship/Finance Com. Mtg.
Thursday	6:00	Zoom Yoga



SESSION MEMBERS

Marilyn Jackson - Clerk

Class of 2022

Tricia Johnson

Daniel Robinson

Lorraine Stephen

Pelham Swift

CLASS OF 2023

Bruce Huckaba

Dee Huckaba

Marilyn Jackson

CLASS OF 2024

Kathleen Hale

Christi Malouf

Susie Miller