

**17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 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 Variations on "Jesus Loves Me" Gary O'Neal, Organist
(arr. by William McNair)

(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

Though storms rage around me, I will clothe myself with the whole armor of God.

I will fasten the belt of truth about my waist.

I will place strength and determination as my shoes to aid me in my ministry and mission for God.

I will take up the shield of faith with which I shall defend against evil ways.

I will pray diligently at all times, offering prayers and supplication to God.

**The helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit
will accompany me on my journey.**

Be strong in the Lord who provides for your every need.

I place my confidence and trust in God always.

* **Hymn** "How Firm a Foundation" No. 463
(Verses 1 and 5)

* **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)

Pastor and Congregation

Patient Lord, we are a culture that wants the quick and easy answers to all of life's problems. We want to be able to open the Bible and place our fingers on the passage that will answer all our questions and heal all our hurts. It is difficult for us to deal with the knowledge that discipleship requires patience and perseverance. The words of Jesus take time for us to comprehend. Forgive us, Lord, when we are so impatient; when we just want to "get on with it", and "be where the action is." Help us to understand the commitment we make in discipleship, through the rocky times and the smooth seas alike. Push us in our ministry of help and compassion to do more than we ever thought we could do in helping others. Give to us that extra measure of faith and commitment that we may truly serve you by serving others. In Jesus' Name, we pray.
(In silence confess your personal sins to God.)

Kyrie Eleison (No. 582)

Congregation

Declaration of God's Pardon

Pastor

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Pastor 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**

Pastor

Anthem

**"A Family of Love"
(arr. by Mary McDonald)**

Sanctuary Choir

Lessons from Scripture

Prayer of Illumination

Liturgist

First Reading: 1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43 (p. 287 Pew Bible)

Liturgist

Response: This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20 (p. 979 Pew Bible)

Pastor

Response: This is the Gospel of Christ!

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

“The Formula”

Rev. Alice Hernandez

A Moment for Christian Education (see insert)

* **Hymn**

“Standing on the Promises”

No. 838

* **Charge and Benediction**

Pastor

* **Postlude**

Organist

Hearing assistance devices are available.
Please check with an usher.

Flowers this Morning Are Given to the Glory of God
By Pelham and Souvenir Swift
In Celebration of their 29th Wedding Anniversary

Assisting in worship today is Allison Curry, liturgist.
The usher is Bruce Huckaba, and the greeter is Dee Huckaba.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19th

Celebrating Back to Church Sunday

Sunday	12:00	Yoga
Monday	6:30	Session
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