

**22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 24, 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 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Gary O'Neal, Organist
(arr. Jason Payne)

(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

I will bless the Lord at all times,

God's praise will continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord,

let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,

let us exalt God's name together!

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

* **Hymn** "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" No. 299

* **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

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You see our need when we are blind to it. You have made us to be yours. In your compassion, forgive us for our lack of faith and the harm we do to others and to your earth. Forgive us for turning away from your will, for ignoring the cries of our neighbors, for failing to listen to what is most nourishing even for ourselves. Let our faults fall from your eyes as you open ours. Hear this and answer, in Jesus' holy name. *(In silence confess your personal sins to God.)*

Kyrie Eleison

“O Lord, Have Mercy”

No. 578
Guarani Melody

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

“Jesus Is Calling”
(arr. by Berta Poorman and Sonja Poorman)

Sanctuary Choir

Lessons from Scripture

Prayer of Illumination

Liturgist

First Reading: Psalm 34:1-8 (p. 463 Pew Bible)

Liturgist

Response: This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: Mark 10:46-52 (p. 847 Pew Bible)

Pastor

Response: This is the Gospel of Christ!

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

“Brave Vulnerability”

Rev. Dr. Lil Smith

* **Hymn**

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

No. 738

* **Charge and Benediction**

Pastor

* **Postlude**

Organist

Flowers this Morning Are Given to the Glory of God
By Elaine Burgess
In Memory of her children Angela and Scotty Green
Husband Randy Burgess
And Dad, J.T. White

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

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24th

Thursday 6:00 Zoom Yoga
Sunday (10/31) 9:15 Adult Class (Parlor)



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