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Sunday, September 29, 2024
10:00AM
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude When in Our Music God Is Glorified Don McAfee
Combined Chancel and Gospel Choirs

Welcome to all – especially to our guests.
Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.

Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)
Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Christ is in our midst. This morning, today, and forever more.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

And blessed is His glorious Kingdom. Through his birth, death,
and resurrection joy has entered all the world.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

And blessed is this holy house and all the people in it for we have
seen His salvation and truly, joy has entered all the world.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Christ is in our midst. Let us prepare our hearts to meet him.

Gospel Praise Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Gospel Choir

Minute for Mission

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us and on the whole world. One and all have sinned and stumbled in darkness. You have offered us life and we choose death. You have offered us peace and we choose chaos. Lord, have mercy on us. In forgiving us, heal us. In healing us, teach us. Guide our feet this day into the way of your peace and strengthen our hearts to follow your commandments. From this moment; from this hour; from this day help us to love you and those around us. For you alone are merciful and good and you love all humankind. Amen.

Declaration of God's Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")

*Response

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

James 5: 13-20

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The Narrow Way
Chancel Choir

K. Lee Scott

Second Reading

Mark 9:38-41

Message

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Affirmation of Faith** (Litany: the Beatitudes)

Let us examine ourselves

In the light of the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ,

As given in the Beatitudes.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,

For they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

For they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

For they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,

For they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,

For they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

For they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they persecute you, and revile you, and utter
all kinds of evil against you on my account.

Rejoice and be glad for great is your reward in heaven for so they
persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Lord, we affirm our faith in your teachings. Help us to embody our faith
in the lives we live, the words we say,
And the thoughts we think. **Amen and Amen.**

***Hymn GTG #694**

Great God of Every Blessing

Call to Offering

*If you would like to make an offering online, scan the QR code located in the
Westminster News section of today's bulletin.*

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Christian Women's Fellowship of the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon

***Doxology GTG #606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
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

Prayers of the People

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.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn AAHH #400**

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Benediction

Postlude

Voluntary in A Major

John Selby

The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshipping.

Worship Leaders:

The Rev. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff

Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist

Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director

Louis Fisher, Liturgist

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Today's Anthems


When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia! How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia! So has the church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong, borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia! Let ever instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

Be near me, Lord, where'er I go; teach me what you would have me do; direct whate'er I think or say; and lead me in the narrow way. Prevent me, lest I harbor pride, lest I in my own strength confide; show me my weakness, let me see I have my power, my all in thee. Assist and teach me how to pray; incline my nature to obey; what you abhor, oh, let me flee, and only love what pleases thee. Be near me, Lord...


694 Great God of Every Blessing




1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,



you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.



How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:



sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

400 I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

*A scribe then approached and said, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go."
Matthew 8:19*

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
2. Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,
3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,
The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus—
Though no one join me, still I will fol - low—
The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me—

No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back!
no turn - ing back,