

BULLETIN FOR September 26, 2021
Worship Service 9:00 am

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**Please rise in body and/or spirit.*

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Psalms 67

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

the maker of heaven and earth.

Our hope is in the name of the Lord,

the healer of all that is wounded.

Our trust is in the name of the Lord,

the one we gather to worship and praise.

***HYMN** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)*

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. For you are our rock, and yet we place our faith in sinking sand. You are our redeemer, and yet we are convinced that we must save ourselves. You are our source of unity, and yet we isolate ourselves in every way we can. You are our fount of forgiveness, and yet we fear that we will be condemned. Forgive us, O Lord. Forgive us, O Redeemer, and show us what it means to forgive one another. Amen

[silent confession]

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(responsively)*

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord savior.

Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, renewed and send. **Amen**

***GLORIA PATRI**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** *(responsively)*

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also, with you.

(Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.)

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in Unison)*

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

FIRST READING: Joshua 10:1-15

SECOND READING: Mark 9:38-50

Word of God, breath of life
Thanks be to God.

SERMON ***“THE SUN STANDS STILL”***

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE *(adapted: CTW 541B)*

Almighty God, friends of the needy and the least,
as your Son Jesus Christ lifted the burdens of many, healed the sick, lifted the spirits of afflicted, we now pray and lift up our heartfelt prayers to those who are in need, who seek healing and those who are in need to hear positive results of medical reports; comfort for the sorrowful and hope for the hopeless.

We pray for the church . . .
Teach us the power of fervent prayer,
calling on you in our sickness and suffering
and singing your praise in times of joy.

We pray for the world . . .
Empower ordinary people to take risks
for the sake of peace and justice,
always remembering the poor and vulnerable.

We pray for this community . . .
Bless the good that we seek to do in your name;
help us to work together more effectively,
finding common cause with all who do your will.

We pray for loved ones . . .
When danger and distress is all around,
show the strength of your steadfast love,
and the power of your helping hand.

Generous God, as you provide for us each day,
nourish and strengthen us in faith and faithfulness,
so that we may share your grace in a hungry world;
through Jesus Christ, the bread of life, who taught us to pray saying,

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.

DEPARTING IN GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

***BLESSING AND CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION**

Heb. 3:14

For we have become partners of Christ,
if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end.
May the Lord God keep you strong, sustain
and revive your faith in Him. Amen

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Prayer List – September 2021

Margie Bailey	Mary Van Dove	Irene Makin
Evalyn Martin	Ethel Headrick	Nancy Bumford
Jim Cameron	Bev Shutack	Payton Balogh
Gerry Nedrow	Rich & Pauline Blough	Bill Yost
Mary Ellen Hutton	Bob & Anna Marie Wallace	Dale Baird
Jim Bracken	Kolton Hill	Regina Haag
Norma Zimmerman Cicero	Paul Gerycz	Ray Hill
Melanie Johnson	Satin Schriff	Shirley Pagano
Donna Ravez	Brandy, Jason, & Carter	Sumer Lambie
Larry Charles	Rich Griffiths	People of Ethiopia
Rachel & Michael Weller	Jane Ponchione	Stacy Datsko
Doug Westover	Dale Bowman	Gretchen Lambie
Rev. Aleda Menchyk	Beth Kramer	

BIRTHDAYS

27 – Gavin McHugh
27 – Jason Link

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01 – Tina Fulton
07 – Michael Forbes
10 – Jerri Nedrow
12 – Tom Gonos (my)
13 – Ruth Ann Gonos
16 – David Gonos
16 – Keyla Johnson
19 – Laura Blank
26 – Ryan Brown
27 – Apay Ojulu
29 – Brayden Devinney

SEPTEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER

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05 – Shawn & Cindy Link
06 – Tom & Ruth Ann Gonos
18 – Joe & Tonya LaMantia
27 – Brian & Aimee Hill
28 – Greg & Sue Stoyka
29 – Pete & Stephanie Bickford

WAYS TO GIVE

CHANGE FOR FRAMES: We have a number of architectural drawings of the church. There is a piggy bank for change to pay for the framing of these drawings.

CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: There is a sign-up sheet in the back as well as a checklist for what gets cleaned.

NEW HYMNALS: If you would like to sponsor a new hymnal, there are forms on the back table. A pew hymnal is \$20 each; a new large-print edition is \$30. In order to fill the pews we need about 40 more hymnals.

VOLUNTEER GREETERS: There is a sign-up sheet in the back if you are willing to serve as a greeter.

PAPER PRODUCTS: The church is getting low on paper towels and toilet paper. Please consider donating.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREE HYMNALS: Old hymnals are available to anyone who would like one, The rest will be disposed of since we cannot find anyone who would like them.

FREE BOOKS AND MUSIC: There's free books and music downstairs if anyone would like to peruse them.

PRAYER LIST: The prayer list restarts at the beginning of each year. If there is someone that you would like to have put on the prayer list, please let Belinda know.

PER CAPITA: The Presbytery has provided us with the per capita amount for 2022. Per capita for this year is the same as last year **\$43.00** per member. This money is sent to the Presbytery where it is divided between the Presbytery, the Synod, and General Assembly for expenses and mission.

SUGGESTIONS AND CONCERNS: All suggestions and concerns should be directed to the committee chairs of that committee. Concerns may also be sent to the Clerk of Session and the clerk will forward to the committee chairperson.

Psalm 19:7–14

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever.

The decrees of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.

¹⁰ They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.

¹¹ By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.

¹³ Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they not rule over me.
Then I will be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.