

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
TUCKAHOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,
Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God; tell of all God's wonderful works.

Glory in the Almighty's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Gracious God, receive now our praise and thanksgiving as we offer our worship in response to your grace.

*HYMN *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* No. 12

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and love, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. We call you God of creation, yet we serve idols of our own making. We confess Christ as our Savior, yet we rely on our own abilities for our protection. We claim the indwelling Spirit, yet we abide by our own counsel. Forgive our double-mindedness, we pray, and through Christ make us whole. Hear us now as we offer our confession, both spoken and unspoken....(*silent prayers of confession*).

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...In Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven.
Alleluia! Amen.



TUCKAHOE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Called by God
to be the heart, voice, hands and feet of
Christ where the Spirit leads us.*

***GLORIA PATRI**

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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. And also with you!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 16:21-28 Page 18
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *"If You Are My Lord"* Pote

GOSPEL LESSON Romans 12:9-21 Page 162
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CENTSABILITY OFFERING

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN** *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"* No. 724

SERMON *"Embracing Evil?"* Diane Prevary

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *"Come to Jesus"* Rice

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Set apart by your covenant, redeemed through Christ's sacrifice, and renewed by the refreshing winds of your living Spirit, we come bearing our gifts. They are but a portion of earth's treasure that you abundantly give us; with them we commit our time and energy to be Christ's faithful servants. Use all that we bring, and all that we are, to bless your holy name. Amen.

***HYMN** *"Will You Come and Follow Me"* No. 726

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *"Hymn of Joy"* arr. Smith



WORSHIP LEADERS

Diane Prevary, *Parish Associate*; Patrick Dennis, *Pastor*; Bruce McVey, *Seminary Intern*; Mark Cain, *Director of Music Ministries*; Sarah Cothorn, *Assistant Director of Music Ministries*; Mary Chris Werner, *Soloist*; and Matthew Moore, *Acolyte*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

We are pleased to have you worship with us and sincerely hope our service inspires and challenges you. You are invited to join us for refreshments in Duntreath Hall after the service so we can get acquainted. Please sign the Friendship Pads when they are passed in the pews. If you are visiting Tuckahoe for the first time, please see an usher in the narthex to receive a gift.

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God. Nursery Helpers are William Adair, Ruth Anna Langdon and Jessica Lurey.

Pastoral Care Concerns:

Hospitalized or recovering: Lea Mahoney

Ushers for the month of September are Dave and Kathy Bauer, Bill Carter, Tom Coleman, Jim Cooke, Chris Stevenson and Gary Wilkinson.

Childcare is provided during the worship hour for children infant through first grade. The Nursery in Room 104 is designed for infants through 23 months. Two and three year olds may be taken to Room 102. Children age 4 through 1st grades may be taken to Room 105 for childcare. Parents are responsible for picking up children from childcare at the conclusion of the service.

During the Moments with Children this morning, we will collect the monthly CentsAbility Offering. This important monthly offering, based on "two cents per meal", is a way for all of us to give to the hungry in our community.

Next Sunday, September 10th we return to our regular worship time of 11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages will also resume that morning at 9:30 a.m. We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship and we will be dedicating our choir and instruments in worship to the glory of God. We look forward to celebrating the gifts God has given us through our music ministry.

Blessing of the Backpacks - The school year brings with it joy, new friends, new adventures, hope, concern, a bit of uncertainty and a whole new journey--not just for students, but teachers, parents and those who work in schools and out of schools. Scripture reminds us in Deuteronomy 31: 8 *"It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."* **As we enter this school year, we invite all teachers, students of all ages, and those who work to bring a bag with them to worship Sunday, September 10 as we say a special blessing over the bags we take on the journey with us.** We will be giving out special tags to hang on your bag as a reminder of God's presence and Tuckahoe's loving care.

Next Sunday we also kick off the Youth Group program for the year. Youth Group will begin at 5:30 p.m., with dinner ending our time together at 6:30 p.m. Our first dinner will be pot luck - so please bring a dish to share! All youth, grades 6-12, are encouraged to come together during Youth Group to understand how our faith forms all the parts of our lives and how we can be servants for Christ-- through laughter, games and conversation. There are some wonderful trips, games, and adventures planned for the year.

Next Sunday, and every second Sunday of the month, we collect non-perishable food items for the Lamb's Basket food pantry. You may bring your donations to the church at any time during the month. Just leave them in the collection bin on the lower left side of the Resource Center between the Narthex and Duntreath Hall.

Tuesday morning prayer continues every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor for a half hour of weekly time of prayer. The prayer group will begin a study of David Timm's book "*Living the Lord's Prayer*" on September 12th. This book takes a careful look at the words used in this familiar prayer. Through this resource, we hope to understand more deeply how life transforming it can be. After a time of study, we will spend time in prayer for our congregation. All are welcome to join us!

This year the children of Tuckahoe will have new worship bags. Each child has their very own bag to bring into worship with them, and they have even had a chance to decorate those bags in their own unique way. The bags will be hung across from the Resource Center on some wonderful new hooks. These bags are meant not as a way to distract children from worship, but aid in children's learning and absorbing worship. They will have coloring pages, listening pages, note taking pages, and best of all, each child can fill them with whatever they need to help them stay focused and attentive during worship. We are excited about our new bags. We hope you will enjoy seeing children joyfully attend worship. "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. (Mark 10:14).

Give today to help Presbyterian Disaster Assistance bring hope & healing to Texas families impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in touch with presbyteries affected areas of Texas to offer assistance. We are standing by with resources and National Response Team

members ready to deploy upon invitation and when it is safe to do so. For those who wish to support PDA's emergency response and recovery efforts, gifts can be designated to **DR000169-Harvey**. We need your help. Please give generously.

<https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000169/>

If you prefer to mail a check, you may send it to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) PO Box 643700 Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700.

Won't you please sign up to host our After Worship Fellowship Time?! The Sundays from September - December are looking for hosts! The sign-up calendar is on the entrance wall, right side, as you enter Duntreath from the Narthex. Grab your family, friends, Sunday School class, Care/Share Group or someone sitting beside you in church and put your name on the list. The office will send you a reminder the Monday before your Sunday. A full set of instructions is posted in the kitchen pantry, if you wonder what it takes. Or ask Dianne St. John for some pointers. Thank you to all who have hosted so far in 2017!

Dedicate chancel flowers in honor or memory of someone you want to remember! This beautiful ministry, arranged by a dedicated committee, helps beautify our Chancel each Sunday morning to Glorify God. There are numerous Sundays for the rest of 2017 that do not have anyone signed up to give flowers. All you have to do is add your name to the flower calendar on the bulletin bulletin just outside the office entrance. The office will call you the week before your giving Sunday and handle all the rest.

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LECTIONARY TEXT FOR NEXT SUNDAY:
Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149:1-9; Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20
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THIS WEEK AT TUCKAHOE

Sunday, September 3

10:00 AM Worship
After Worship Fellowship Time - Duntreath Hall

Monday, September 4 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 5 *Office hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

9:30 AM Morning Prayer Group - Church Parlor

Wednesday, September 6 *Office hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

9:30 AM Staff Planning Retreat - Dennis home
10:30 AM Meals on Wheels

Thursday, September 7 *Office hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study - Room 108
7:30 PM Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Friday, September 8 *Office closed*

10:30 AM Meals on Wheels

Sunday, September 10

9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship & Communion
After Worship Fellowship Time - Duntreath Hall
12:30 AM Blood Pressure Check - Duntreath Hall
12:30 PM Christian Formation Committee - Room 106
12:30 PM Warinner Family Scholarship Committee -
Room 108



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