



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God

October 29, 2023

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

**Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (Hymn 422)

arr. Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 115

The Lord has been mindful of us: the Lord will bless us.

The Lord will bless those who fear the Lord, both great and small.

May the Lord give you increase both to you and to your children.

May you be blessed by the Lord who made heaven and earth.

The dead do not praise the Lord nor do any that go down in silence.

But we will bless the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN 467 (V.1-4)

How Great Thou Art

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, how great Thou art and we do bow down in humble adoration when we consider all thy hands have made. And Lord, we confess that is perhaps part of our problem; that we consider more holy what our hands have made, rather than yours. We quickly assume full credit for our cleverness and craftiness. We are confident that the blessings that fill our lives are only from our efforts and energy. And we retain the first sweet fruits in our lives for our own consumption rather than sharing generously with others. Lord, send your Spirit among us to help us realize and accept that all we have given to us is from your loving and merciful hands. In Jesus' name we pray.

Silent prayer

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, while we may disappoint God from time to time by our tendency to place ourselves first, God understands fully the fickleness of our human nature and God's forgiveness is guaranteed through the gift of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We are redeemed and forgiven in the sight of God. Hallelujah and Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Romans 8:18-30

SERMON

First Fruits or Leftovers

Rev. Larry Van Hise

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Bill Schroeher

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and God's ministries through Christ's church.

*Please leave your offering in the boxes at the front and rear of the sanctuary
or make your gifts online or via mail.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to witness to Christ's ministry in your world. Amen.

*RESPONSE

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 414 (V.1-3) As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE We Give Thee But Thine Own (Hymn 428) Schumann

Worship Leaders

Rev. Larry Van Hise

Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

Shirley Heinsohn, Liturgist

Ruthann Arras and Susan Charlton, Coffee Hour Hosts

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