



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God

September 10, 2023

The Fifteenth 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

Preludio 1 in C

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes and I will observe it to the end.

Give me understanding that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments for I delight in it,

turn my heart to your decrees and not to selfish gain.

Turn away the disgrace that I dread for your ordinances are good.

See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN 477 (V. 1-4)

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, your kingdom is glorious and you rule over all. And our great congregation sings triumphs and praises to your name. And while we hold you, O Lord, in great esteem, we confess this morning that too often we turn away from each other with grudges, mistrust and injured pride. Rather than finding a path toward reconciliation and love, we seem more interested in stomping off in indignation instead of embracing each other in forgiveness. Send your Spirit, O Lord, to urge and guide us toward healing and restoration in the midst of anger and mistrust. In Jesus' name we pray.

Silent prayer

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Confrontation and conflict are part of the human fabric and forgiveness is at times difficult. But through the mercy, love and grace of God, purchased for us by Jesus Christ, forgiveness is an eternal gift. Believe in that gift and accept the salvation that accompanies it. Thanks be to God. 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

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Matthew 18:15-20

SERMON

Home Alone!

Rev. Vernon Van Hise

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The baptism of Arlo Matthew Schick,
son of Timothy Clayton Schick and Devin Jean Schick

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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 box at the front 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 492 (V.1-3)

Baptized in Water

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Can I Keep from Singing

Lowry

Worship Leaders

Rev. Vernon Van Hise

Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

Shirley Heinsohn, Liturgist

Ruthann Arras, Coffee Hour Host

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