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Worship Bulletin for September 14, 2025

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

Have you come here to grumble?

No! We are here to rejoice!

Oh. Are you lost?

No! We are found!

Okay, I see. Do you seek a welcome at this table?

Yes! We are here to let go of the past and begin fresh.

Wonderful! You are in the right place.

You are welcome here.

Let's worship God together!

***Hymn**

Come Sing to God

GtG # 805

Come sing to God, O living saints; sing praises to God's name.

God's anger is not permanent; God's love will never wane.

Though tears may tarry for the night with sighs of deepest pain,
yet joy comes with the morning sun, a peace that is not vain.

In my success I felt secure; how good you've been to me.

I said that this is my own work, ascribing all to me.

But when you turned aside your face, my life was filled with fears.

I begged for help; to you I cried with loud and bitter tears.

What good is gained by my disgrace, what profit in defeat?

My grave cannot confess your name, nor praise for you repeat.

Now hear, O Lord, my plaintive cry; be merciful to me.

Accept my longing heart's request and from death set me free.

You change my grief to joy-filled dance; my sorrows you destroy.

In faithfulness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy.

And so to you my heart shall sing; my voice your goodness raise.

You are my God, forevermore. My life shall sing your praise.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord, we would follow you wherever you might lead.

Lord, we would follow you.

Forgive us when we stumble and when we stray.

Forgive us when, distracted we lose our way.

Be the one to whom we turn, whose hand we hold,
the Shepherd who leads us safely to the fold.

Lord, we would follow you wherever you might lead.

Lord, we would follow you.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace

My friends, when we are lost, all is not lost.

God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around,

Gathering us in to the people of God.

Let us rejoice in God's mercy! Amen.

*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.

Special Music

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(Those with prayer requests worshipping online, please text Anne the day before so your request can be lifted-831345-6324)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (*pew song sheet*)

Prayers lifted to God 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.

*Hymn

Just as I Am, without One Plea

GtG # 442

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed
for me, and that thou biddest me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about with many_a conflict,
many_a doubt, fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon,
cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Lord who welcomes sinners, send your Spirit to sit with us as we hear your Word proclaimed. Find us where we are lost, create in us clean hearts, and help us to see the joy of your mercy. Amen.

First Lesson:

Exodus 32:7-14

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The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' "And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Second Lesson:

Luke 15:1-10

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Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls

together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Sermon

Repentance All Around

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

***Affirmation of Faith** (from The Confession of 1967, Inclusive Language Text)

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor and won the victory over sin and death for all.

Offering

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Offering Prayer (unison)

We give because we have been given so much. Lord, take these gifts and use them to faithfully transform others, to faithfully transform us. Allow your work to be continued in the world where it is most needed. Amen.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*Hymn

Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound

GtG# 649

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Benediction

The service of worship ends, the service of neighbor and world begins

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Sharon Allshouse

GREETER: Gene Burk

COFFEE HOST: Stan Cowan

OFFERING COUNTER: Janet Maack

Unity Candle: This week we pray for El Estero.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Member Class Starts TODAY. Meet in the Sunday School room after worship.
This is an opportunity to learn about the Presbyterian church, this congregation and to answer any questions.

Sept. 16th (Tuesday), at 5:15PM meet with Sessions on Zoom for 15- 20 mins.

Sept. 28th (Sunday), second class following worship

Oct. 12th (Sunday), join the church during worship

Monday, September 15th: Operations Meeting at 10AM, Thomas Lounge

Monday, September 15th: Bell Choir at 2:15PM, Thomas Lounge

Tuesday, September 16th: Nurture Meeting at 10AM, Zoom

Tuesday, September 16th: Personnel Meeting at 11AM, Zoom

Tuesday, September 16th: Book Study at 1:00 PM –

In **Do I Stay Christian**, by **Brian McLaren**, please read Ch. 2 through Ch. 4.

Tuesday, September 16th: Sessions Meeting at 4:30PM, Zoom

- New Members meet with Sessions at 5:15PM for 15-20 minutes, Zoom

Wednesday, September 17th: Deacons Meeting at 10AM, Thomas Lounge

Sunday, September 21st: Outreach/Mission lunch after worship

- Guest Speaker: Katie Gentile from Urban Works