November 9, 2025 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

†Congregation Please Stand as Able

GATHER TOGETHER:

PRELUDE:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

†CALL TO WORSHIP:

Frank Horton

One: From places of want and places of plenty,

All: From times of troubling uncertainties and times of unexpected assurance, One: From feeling so distant to what matters most to feeling overwhelmed by God's abundant love,

All: We come into the presence of God in worship, with singing and praise, with openness and gratitude, with vulnerability and trust. We are blessed to be here.

†OPENING HYMN: Blue # 263 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Frank Horton

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lord our God, we carry regrets from the past and guilt about things we've said or done, or left undone. We've not reflected your light, relieved the burdens of others, nor extended a helping hand as much as we promised. We've attempted to hide things from you which we cannot accept in ourselves. Envelop us with your merciful love. Remind us of the powerful truth that Jesus knows what it's like to be human. Forgive us our sins, heal our brokenness, and overcome our shame with your forever love promised in our baptisms. Join us together as your church- human yet empowered by the divine- to bring your good news to others. Hear us now as we confess our sins silently.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION: In Jesus' name, Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

Rev. Ray Thomas

†PASSING OF THE PEACE:

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Blue# 579 "Gloria Patri"

TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN:

Rev. Ray Thomas

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Open our eyes, that we might see the truth of your word, powerful still. Open our ears, that we may hear, your Holy Spirit, speaking the message you've prepared us to receive. Open our hearts, that we may embrace, your love that never ends. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Matthew 6: 25-34

Genesis 18: 1-15

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: "Sarah Laughed" Rev. Ray Thomas

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from the PCUSA A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to love as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham, and Sara chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

SPECIAL MUSIC

CALL FOR GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING:

Rev. Ray Thomas

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER:

†CLOSING HYMN: Blue # 383 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

CONGRESSIONAL MEETING:

†BENEDICTION: Rev. Ray Thomas

†MUSICAL DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"



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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP, SERVE, AND FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY

9:00 AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM WORSHIP

Monday

1st Monday of Each Month Volunteer at The Branch Contact Amy Aviles For more Information

TUESDAY

Each Month Come to the Table Lunch

WEDNESDAY

2ND Tuesday of 11:00 AM FACEBOOK PRAYER TIME WITH BOBBY BINNS 5:30 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 1st & 3rd Wednesday OF EACH MONTH 6:15 PM PRAISE & PRAYER SERVICE 7:00 PM CHOIR PRACTICE

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6

Prayer Request:

Danny and Donna Rae Dickerson, Linda Anders, Stephanie Hodges - Friend of Donna Nock, David Urion & Steve Urion - Kathy Turk's Brothers, Edwin Holcombe-Elizabeth Sadler's Father, Rose Oyaro, Maggie Wright, Col. Don Makay, Artie Reich - Friend of the Aviles, Vic Newton, Bill Hildebrand, Bonnie Shapbell, Bobby and Jeff Binns, David and Jamie Lewis - Friends of Jennifer Taormina, Linda and Tom Tozer



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