

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 2021 11:00 AM

CHIMING of the HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE "Adagio for Strings" Samuel Barber

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "We Walk by Faith Not by Sight" Samuel McFarland

CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: Blessed are those whose help is in the Lord God,

People: whose hope is in the Lord their God.

Liturgist: The Lord reigns forever for all generations.

People: We gather in the trust that he is our good and faithful God.

All: Let us worship our merciful and trustworthy Lord!

HYMN 341 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!* ASSURANCE

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION (Unison)

We confess our sin, O God. We have hoarded what we have and grasped for more. We have not noticed those who hunger and thirst. We stay with our own kind, and we have not welcomed the stranger. Forgive us, purify us, and remake us, that we might love as you love. For the sake of Jesus, we pray. *(continue in silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist: The Lord welcomes all who return from the exile of self-interest.

People: Be at peace, for in Jesus we find our way home again.

Liturgist: We find our home of forgiveness, love and restoration.

People: As we prepare to hear God's word, we celebrate God's deep love.

✠RESPONSE to GOD'S FORGIVENESS *Glory Be to the Father* (Hymnal, page 579)

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 131

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "O Praise Ye the Lord" arr. Charles H. H. Parry
(based on Psalm 148 and 150)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 9: 30-37

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON A Different Kind of Greatness Rev. Edgar McCall

MUSIC for REFLECTION "Trio on 'How Firm a Foundation'" arr. Janet Linker
Shaker Tune & Foundation

✠AFFIRMATION of FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* (Hymnal, Page 14 Traditional)

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (Hymnal, Page 16)

MOMENT for STEWARDSHIP and DEDICATION

HYMN *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Search me and try me, Master, today!

Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now, as in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me I pray!

Power, all power, surely is Thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

CHARGE and BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Finale on 'How Firm a Foundation'" arr. Janet Linker

Congregational responses are printed in bold.

✠All who are able, please stand



FAMILIES TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Shawn Williams
 Steve & Cindy Williams
 Bill & Jamie Williams

PASTORAL NEEDS: The Session desires to be informed when members and friends of the church are in need of pastoral care and support. During office hours, please call the church at 283-3329, to ensure the elder under whose care the person or family is assigned may be notified.

Prayer Concerns

Unless a prayer request is renewed or the health condition is acute, names will stay on the prayer list for one month.
Please pray for our members: James & Martha Jo Mahaffey; Derek Cercena; Helen Hegler; Anne Cauthen; Holly Furr.

Friends of the church: TJ Wilmore; Amaryliss Boger; Robert Stephenson, Jr.; Anne Hinson; Lib Hutchinson; Annie Sue Steele; Mila Byrd Wood; Oscar Shoenfelt; Mildred Thomas; Adrienne Russ; Sandy Wingenfled; Bonnie Rothrock; Jonathan Perry; Brittny West; families of Chris Hutchinson & Julie Ann Syfan.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: September 19, 2021 – September 25, 2021

Sunday	11:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Session Meeting via Zoom
Monday	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Wednesday	10:00am	Chancel Choir
	6:30pm	Jubilant Ringers

BIRTHDAYS: 20 Lois Rao 22 Jane Mahaffey 23 Marsha Roberts

ATTENDANCE: Worship -32 Live Stream Worship -32 Men's Prayer Breakfast -23

OUR GIVING REPORT

	<u>09/12/21</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Amount Budgeted	\$ 3,941.00	\$ 145,817.00
Amount Received	<u>3,364.00</u>	<u>150,966.58</u>
	\$ <u>(577.00)</u>	\$ <u>5,149.58</u>

Living God's Word, Sharing God's Love

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. We are centered in the worship of God and bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. As Christ's disciples we strive to build vibrant lives, strong families and a fellowship in which members care for and love one another and together seek the well-being of our city, state and world. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we seek to develop a vital preaching and teaching ministry, aimed at drawing men and women to Christ; healing, comforting and nurturing each in the faith; equipping each with the knowledge for service to Christ and effectively obtaining peace in all walks of life.

A **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held **today** during worship to elect one member of the congregation to the *Congregational Nominating Committee*. Each year as 1 person rotates off the CNC, a new member is elected so that all members will have 3 year staggered terms.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST meets each week, with the next meeting being held on **Monday, September 20th** beginning just before **7:00am** in the Fellowship Hall. **All are welcome! Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.** Matthew 11: 28-30

DIMES FOR HUNGER. Everyone is encouraged to contribute a dime for every meal to help feed families across the five counties of Providence Presbytery, Central America and Africa. These offerings will be dedicated **Sunday, October 3rd** during morning worship. **Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.** 2 Corinthians 9: 7

SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES are extended to Tom Syfan, Brooke Syfan and all family of *Julie Ann Syfan* following her passing. We pray for God to extend everlasting comfort and peace.

