



# *First Presbyterian Church*

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2022 at 10:00

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

Handbell Chimes – *The ringing of the chimes invites you to a time of Rest...Renewal...Hope*

Prelude

Lucas Brown, piano

### Opening Sentences

One: God calls us to service,

**ALL: rather than honor.**

One: God calls us to love the unknown,

**ALL: rather than the familiar.**

One: We come to this time of worship,

**ALL: trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,**

One: who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

\* Hymn #139 (*below*)      “Come, Thou Almighty King”

### \* Call to Confession

One: Let us confess our sins to the Lord who is our helper.

### \* Prayer of Confession

**All: Lord, all that we have is a gift from you, yet we do not live lives of gratitude. We ignore strangers and turn away from those in need. We seek honor for ourselves and allow pride to take root in us. Forgive our foolish ways, O God, and restore us to you, that we may walk in the way of love. Amen.**

### \* Silent Prayer

### \* Assurance of Pardon:

One: Beloved, your sins are forgiven, for God promises to never leave us. Therefore, be at peace and stand secure in the Lord with the sure knowledge that we are forgiven.

**ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\* Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

**Celebrating the Life of the Congregation**

*(Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers and note those sitting around you)*

**GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**All: Holy God, you alone are worthy of honor and praise. Open our eyes to see the world as you see it. Give us the wisdom to witness your presence in all people.**

**Transform us in love, grow us in our faith, call us to love with a full heart, and open our spirits to your Word.**

**Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**      *Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16*

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

One: Holy wisdom, holy word.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

**Elder Betsy Westermaier**

# THE PEOPLE RESPOND

Offering  
Offertory

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

\* Hymn #276 (below). "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

## LEAVE TO SERVE

\* Charge and Benediction

Sending Music

Lucas Brown, piano

\* Please stand if you are comfortably able

## Come, Thou Almighty King

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ITALIAN HYMN 6.6.4.6.6.6.4

Collection of Hymns for Social Worship, 1757; alt.

Felice de Giardini, 1769

1. Come, Thou Al - might - y King, Help us Thy name to sing,  
2. Come, Thou In - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy might - y sword,  
3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
4. To Thee, great One in Three, The high - est prais - es be,

Help us to praise: Fa - ther, all - glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic -  
Our prayer at - tend: Come, and Thy peo - ple bless, And give Thy  
In this glad hour: Thou who al - might - y art, Now rule in  
Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty May we in

to - ri - ous, Come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, On us de - scend.  
ev - ery heart, And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.  
glo - ry see, And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923

William Marion Runyan, 1923

1. \*Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;  
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;  
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness! Great is Thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.



**WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!** It is good to have you here in person or online. Please be in touch if you have news to share or would like more information or to talk to a pastor. Contact information is below. Read full announcements in our weekly email newsletter, available on the church website. Subscribe on the [Contact Us](#) tab.

**NURSERY CARE DURING WORSHIP** – The summer nursery is in the Hospitality Center, located on the lower level outside Fellowship Hall. Any questions, please reach out to Gabrielle Heimerling at [gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org).

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH** is available for kids ages 4-10 in the 4th/5th/6th grade classroom on the lower level following the Children’s message. Hope to see you there for some bible stories, crafts, and fun.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION** – On summer Wednesdays at 6:30 on Zoom, you are invited to join a discussion of *Friedman’s Fables*, by Edwin H. Friedman. These tales “offer fresh perspectives on familiar human foibles and reflect the author’s humor, pathos, and understanding.” Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6467052376>. To join by phone: 646-558-8656, meeting ID 6467052376.

**UKRAINE’S STRUGGLES CONTINUE** – Yard signs in support of Ukraine are still being offered for a \$20 donation. All proceeds to go to the Feed My Starving Children relief program. Cash, check, or Venmo (@Presby-Preschool) accepted.

**IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR CHOIR** – To see choirs, rehearsal times, and the [registration link](http://www.haddonfieldpres.org/music-ministry), go to the music page of the website: <http://www.haddonfieldpres.org/music-ministry>.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, September 4, 2022 Luke 14:25-33**

### **The Cost of Discipleship**

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

1. If you were on a TV game show, would you try for the \$50,000 grand prize, even though you might lose the \$25,000 you had won so far? Why?
2. What is Jesus saying about family? What does he mean by "hate"? By carrying a cross?
3. What do each of the three parables in chapter 14 tell us about how to give our lives to Jesus?

from *The Serendipity Bible (NIV): For Personal and Small Group Study*

### **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST**

Please pray for these individuals and situations throughout the week. If you would like to add a personal prayer request, please contact one of the pastors or Anne Vial. In making requests on behalf of others, please obtain the permission of the person needing prayer. The requestor's name will be printed as the originator of the request. Requests will be revisited every 30 days.

#### **Prayers for the Church**

- Pray for the **people and country of Ukraine**. Prayers, too, for the **people of Russia** who are distressed by the actions of their government and feel powerless to make changes.
- Pray for **Rev. Dr. Marvin Lindsay** as **he and his family** prepare to move to the Garden State!
- Please pray for Nicole Squazzo's dad, **Tom Vodges**, who is currently having health issues (**8/16- M. Dark**).
- Pray for the **Hambry family** on the death of Doug (**8/13- M. Dark**)
- Please pray for **Anne Vial** and the doctors and nurses involved in her care as she recovers from breast cancer surgery and journeys through treatment and recovery (**8/11- pastors**)
- **Pray for Jessica G.'s son, Skylar**, as he undergoes several surgeries on his eyes after a mugging and assault he endured recently (**8/10 - L. Sommers**).
- Please pray for **Charlie Bergdoll** on the death of his beloved wife, Joan. Also please offer prayers of gratitude for the wonderful family support that they have! (**8/8-pastors**)
- Please pray for **Maeve**, a four year little girl, who is currently in the hospital, battling bacterial meningitis and seizures (**8/7 - P. Woodland**)
- Pray for **Kae Fretz** as she navigates heart issues and relationship issues! (**8/4-pastors**)
- Keep **Tony and Jill Mascena** in your prayers as Tony begins cancer treatment (**7/31-pastors**)

- Let us continue to remember **Susan Leach** and **Becky Lazo** in our prayers! (7/31-pastors)
- Please continue praying for the **Avery-Bray Dads** (7/29- **T. Adkins**)
- Pray for a speedy recovery for **Siomara Wedderburn**, director of Wellness at Urban Promise, who has Covid (7/28- **C. Yount**)
- Pray for **Cole** who is 18 years old. Cole was cured of cancer at age 3, and now has some masses on his liver. **Pray for Cole, his family, and his doctors**, and pray also for **Lily** who is his friend (7/27- **T. Adkins**)
- Pray for **Ellie Edwards** who was just diagnosed with lung cancer (7/26-**T. Adkins**)

### Ongoing Prayers for the Church

- Please pray for **Bob Thompson** and his **family**, especially his **elderly siblings** (7/18- **B. Bryan**)
- Remember **Jim Poole** in your daily prayers, whose ALS is progressing rapidly. (7/18/22- **I. Pross**)
- Remember **Pat Lund** and her **daughter-in-law** in your prayers. Pat is coping with health challenges and much of her daughter-in-law's family is still in Ukraine (7/17- **D. George**)
- Please keep Julie Shannon's friends **Andrea and Stephani**, who recently lost their babies, in your thoughts and prayers (6/3 - **J. Shannon**)
- Please pray for **Gary** who is recovering from a broken back and finding out he has cancer (5/3- **L. Sommers**)
- Please offer continued prayers for **Bill and Lisa Gimpel**. Bill needs a kidney transplant and Lisa was just diagnosed with breast cancer (5/10- **L. McGlade**)
- Please pray for all caregivers of aging parents, and for all suffering from depression and anxiety (4/16- **P. Manochi**)
- Please pray for **Meghan R**, the daughter of a friend who is having several health concerns. (4/1- **M. Dark**)
- Pray for **Sarah** who is entering into a fertility journey (**L. Sommers- 4/7**)
- Please pray for **Chris Gilbert**, a member of the Royal Air Force (UK), who was deployed to the Ukraine border, and pray for armed forces everywhere. (3/15- **M. Dark**)



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