

11th Sunday after Pentecost
ORDER OF WORSHIP
10:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 4, 2024

Seasonal Color: Green

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please take a moment to silence your cell phones and electronic devices.
And, with the gift of music, let us prepare our hearts, minds, and souls
for this special time with God and with one another.)*

PRELUDE: “Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. Erinn Shwarz

(Please stand in body or spirit and let us join together in the Call to Worship)

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

(based on Psalm 27)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the LORD, that I will seek after:

To behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”

Your face, LORD, do I seek.

O Lord God of our salvation, we worship and adore you,

We will sing your praises for ever and ever. Amen!

*PRAYER OF PRAISE & ADORATION

*OPENING HYMN: “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

GTG #738

WE ARE RENEWED IN GRACE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Gracious God, you are the source of all our strength, both in body and soul.
You promise new life, but we fear losing what we have. You touch us with
your power and empower us to touch the lives of others, but we shrink from
your call. Let us begin again, now, to be your faithful people ...**

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

GTG #582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

WE RECEIVE GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Micah 6:6-8

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ANTHEM: “Fairest Lord Jesus”

GTG #630

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES:

Laura Sparks

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:12-23

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SERMON: “Sermons from the Sea: Let’s Go Fishing” Rev. Dr. Jody Welker

*HYMN: “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

GTG #721

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

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

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we
trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we
worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the
reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and
binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for
blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of
human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this
Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin
and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or
in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY: “The God of Abraham Praise”

arr. Mark Edwards

*DOXOLOGY: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

GTG # 606

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

WE ARE SEALED IN GOD’S GRACE

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING...

The Lord be with you! **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

(The prayer continues, ending with 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.**

(After the Lord’s Prayer, congregation join in singing ‘Amen’ GTG # 561)

Amen, amen, amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(Please come forward to receive the communion elements. An Elder will
give you a piece of bread. Take a cup from the tray (red cups contain wine
and clear cups contain juice. Gluten free wafers are in the middle of the
communion tray).*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: The Song of Simeon Luke 2:29-32

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace, your word has been
fulfilled. My own eyes have seen your salvation, which you have
prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the
nations and the glory of your people Israel. Amen.**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN: “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!” GTG #41

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Oh Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP:

Amy Owensby

*Please stand in body or spirit

Bold print words are read in unison.

Week of August 4th

Elder on Call:

Lynette Inscoe

Lay Leader:

Suzanne Rhinehart

Time for Fellowship:

Amy Owensby

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WELCOME NEWCOMERS – THERE ARE NO STRANGERS WITHIN THIS SANCTUARY: If you would like more information about the church and our programs, please stop by the visitor’s table in the narthex.

1. You are in God’s House. We want you to feel God’s presence.
2. All around you are Christian people. They will want to shake your hand and greet you in the name of Christ. Won’t you meet them with a friendly smile? We would not have you leave this place without a warm welcome and a feeling that you want to come back.
3. Please sign the Friendship Book located in the pew and then pass it along. When it reaches the end of the row, send it back down the row, and note the names written down. Please speak to others you do not know, or who may be visiting and help them feel welcome in our worship service.
4. Those interested in membership information or who desire to join are asked to call the church office, or check the Friendship Book.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: (10:00am) Worship bags for children are located in the entryway. In addition, children (ages 3 yrs. old – 5th grade) are welcome to stay with their families for the entire service, or they may attend B.L.A.S.T. Children's Church following the *Time for Young Disciples*, when children will be led from the Sanctuary to our Children’s Church room and they will return to the sanctuary before the closing hymn.

The flowers this morning are given by Bob & Patty Neill to the glory of God and for everyone’s enjoyment.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion: The Presbyterian Church practices “open” communion. All persons present in worship are encouraged to receive the sacrament. The communion bread was baked by Jeannie Clark. The elders assisting are Eva Bonnema, Cindy Combs and Charles Moody.

Personal hearing devices are available. Please see an usher.

Persons interested in joining the church should contact the church office.

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THE SESSION

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Gary McDougal (1)
Charles Moody (3)
Amy Owensby (1)
Amy Yenderusiak (3)

Class of 2025

Lynette Inscoe (2)
David McCart (3)
Mimi Michael (4)
Randy Miller (4)

Class of 2026

Eva Bonnema (1)
Margie Pulliam (2)
Ray Rhinehart (5)
Jim Ten Kate (3)

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(4) Council on Sharing
(5) Council on Praise

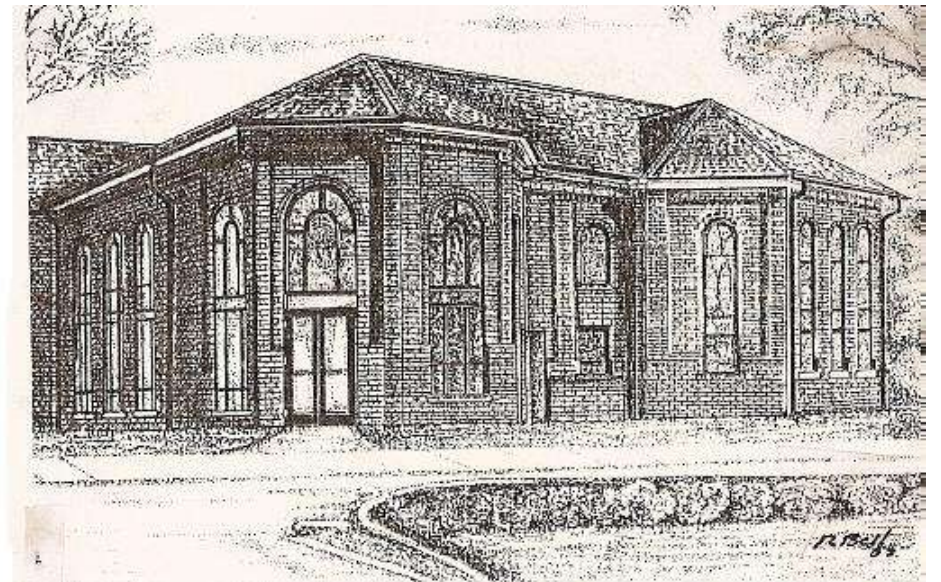
Amy Owensby - Clerk of Session

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