
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 29, 2023

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 46)

Andy Brussel, Liturgist

One: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

All: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way

One: And the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.

All: Come and see what the Lord has done.

One: He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.

All: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God."

One: He says, "I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

All: The LORD Almighty is with us – Let us worship the LORD!

*HYMN # 260 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

CALL TO CONFESSION

As we return again and again to God in need of God's grace let us now turn to God, confessing the ways we fall short of what he hopes for us. Please join me in our Prayer of Confession.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth. Let us offer them with joy in our hearts and a deep sense of gratitude.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY HYMN #592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

God of All, the justification you offer us through grace is the most precious gift of all. Help us to accept your salvation without reservation. Let what you have written on our hearts compel us to give back to You all that we are able, not because we are driven to by guilt, but because our love for you inspires us to. May we use these offerings today to carry out Your work in this world, as You would have us do. Amen.

*HYMN # 2212 "My Life Flows On"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*For those who are able, please stand.

**First Presbyterian Church
Baldwinsville, NY**

October 29, 2023

- **Today's Usher:** Tom Eckrote
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Marty Pond
- **Choir Practice:** will be held at 9:15 each Sunday morning before Worship.
- **Bible Study:** will be held today at 11:30 following Coffee Hour.
- **Fall Clean-Up:** will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4. A rain date is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 5 following Worship.
- **Worship & Music:** Mon., Nov. 6, 10:30 in the Media Center.
- **Book Club:** Tuesday, 1 p.m. in the Media Center
- **Community Dinner:** Thursday, November 16, 4:00 – 5:30. On the menu is Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans with Bacon and Onions, Applesauce, Zucchini Bread and Pumpkin Pie. This is a sit-down dinner and Take-outs are also available. If you would like to have a meal delivered, please call the church office.
- **Samaritan Center:** We will serve a meal at the Samaritan Center on Saturday, Nov. 18. Please contact Kathy Bowen to volunteer, 315-283-1338.



Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence

Nancy Dobbins

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Identity Statement

We are a loving family of God, following Christ by practicing our legacy of worship, education, and mission to neighbors.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for the great faith of the Reformers. Help us to be inspired by their revelations about faith, grace, and your holy Word. Instill in us the understanding that You saved us through faith, not through a certain level of good works. You saved us by grace, and yet we often cheapen that grace by using it as a license to turn back away from you. You speak to us though Scripture, yet we ignore Your word and follow the voice of the world. Although unworthy of Your grace, you offer it to us freely. Forgive us as we seek the will to turn back to you. Inspire our hearts to follow you, to accept your grace, to deepen our faith, and to grow to love your Word, in Your Son's name we pray. Amen.

One: Now that we have confessed as a body, let us take the truths that have troubled our hearts to God silently. Let us not be worried about the awkwardness of silence, as we take some time to focus on speaking with our God.

SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Gloria Patri #579

*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

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

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share signs of peace with one another.

WE HEAR AND REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34
red Bible p.961, black Bible p.735

Liturgist

MUSICAL OFFERING

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 3:19-28
red Bible p.1371, black Bible p.101

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GOSPEL LESSON John 8:31-36
red Bible p. 1302, black Bible p. 101

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SERMON "The Credit of Christ" *Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret*

WE OFFER OUR LIVES TO GOD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed (UNISON)
I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN # 392 "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER