

ST. STEPHEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Worth, Texas

Service for THE LORD'S Day

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 15, 2024 - 11:00 A.M.

Bold text: All | Regular text: Leader | †: Please stand in body or spirit.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: *Fanfare* (1952)

John Cook (1918-1984)

PEAL OF THE TOWER BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 15:9-10

Rejoice with me! The lost are found.
There is joy in the presence of God!

†HYMN: 409 *God Is Here!*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Almighty God, you call your church to attest that, in Christ, we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our LORD, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

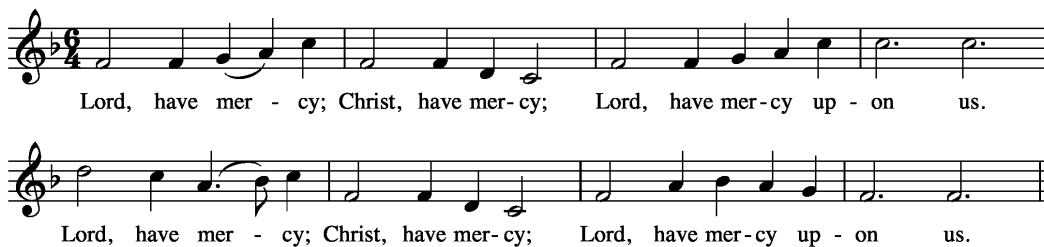
CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what we hesitate to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has caused a rift in our relationship with you and with each other. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we are willing to be changed; and grant us grace to grow more into the image of Jesus Christ, through your Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Silent confession continues.)

KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

† GLORIA PATRI 580

SCOTTISH

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.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leon Doneski

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Pew Bible OT p. 681

This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-9

Setting by William Crotch

LESSON FROM THE EPISTLES: James 3:1-12

Pew Bible NT p. 230

This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

Children in 5th grade and below are welcome to gather at the sanctuary's center to encircle the Gospeler during the Gospel Processional Hymn. Following the reading, there will be Children's Chapel in the Education Building in the Chapel of the Holy Trinity. Children will return after the offertory.

† GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 815 *Give to the Winds Thy Fears*, stanzas 1-2 | 3-4

FESTAL SONG

† LESSON FROM THE GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

Pew Bible NT p. 43

This is the Gospel of the LORD.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: "Who am I - to YOU?"

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth J. Callender, *Pastor*

TIME OF REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

† HYMN: 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

KELVINGROVE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBER: Beth Neely

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Take up your cross, the Saviour said* (2017)

Rebecca Groom te Velde (b. 1956)

*Take up your cross, the Saviour said, If you would my disciple be;
Take up your cross with willing heart, And humbly follow after me.*

*Take up your cross; let not its weight Fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up And brace your heart and nerve your arm.*

*Take up your cross, heed not the shame, And let your foolish heart be still;
The LORD for you accepted death Upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.*

*Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, And calmly every danger brave:
It guides you to abundant life And leads to victory o'er the grave.*

†DOXOLOGY 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD (*kneeling or bowing down*)

Response: God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*kneeling or bowing down*)

**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.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN: 641 *When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

ENGELBERG

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

PEAL OF THE TOWER BELLS

POSTLUDE: *Toccata from Symphony No. 5* (1879)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)



Think. Serve. Worship. Belong.



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