

The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified."
1 Corinthians 2:2

Today's Prayer of Confession was written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good." Used with permission.

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### THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 4, 2022

11:00 a.m.

## **GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

Prelude

"Amazing Grace"

arr. John Purifoy

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

Welcome and Announcements

(During this time the friendship pads are passed to be signed.)

Choral Call to Worship "Jesus, Remember Me" Jacques Berthier Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

**Opening Sentences** 

Elder Curt Simpson

Leader: In life, in death, in life beyond death, Jesus Christ is Lord.

All: Over powers and principalities, over rulers and all who guide, govern, and shape the ways of humankind, Jesus Christ is Lord.

Leader: Of the poor, of the broken and grieving, of the sinned against and the sinner, Jesus Christ is Lord.

All: In the Church and beyond the Church, in our homes and communities and workplaces and in the quiet of our hearts, Jesus Christ is Lord.

Leader: So let us offer to God our worship this day. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: And also to you.

\*Hymn #649

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" AMAZING GRACE

\*Unison Prayer of Confession

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer. We would be saintlike — holy, good, patient, loving. But we end up feeling more like sinners — full of failures of morality, selfish, mean. Perhaps you see us simply as human — as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding. In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and bless the good we have accomplished. Keep on loving us, and helping us, and molding us more and more in the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)

"Last of all, as to one untimely born, Christ appeared also to me. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain." Paul, 1 Corinthians 15:8, 10 \*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and we are included in that love. Know that we are forgiven and freed to love and serve.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

Gloria Patri

Patri Glory Be to the Father
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.

# PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD



"Lift high the

cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world

adore his sacred name."

Hvmn #826. "Lift

High the Cross," in Glory to God: The Presbyterian

Hymnal

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Draw us close, O God, by your Holy Spirit. As we read and reflect on your Word, let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts. Let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — your voice of truth and grace. Amen.

New Testament Lesson

Acts 9:1-19a

**Elder Curt Simpson** 

**Epistle Lesson** 

Galatians 1:1-24

Sermon

"The Cross-Shaped Life"

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

The Gospel Truth

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer 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.

# **GIVING THANKS TO GOD**



Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Offering

"Amazing grace,
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sound, that saved
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Offertory "Amazing Grace"

arr. Joel Raney

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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.



\*The Affirmation of Faith: *Philippians 2:5-11* 

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

\*Hymn #826

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

"So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory."Hymn #826, "Lift High the Cross," in Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

"Amen"

Thomas Pavelchko

Amen. Amen. Amen.

\*Postlude

\*All who are able may stand.

And people should eat and drink and enjoy the fruits of their labor, for these are gifts from God.

Ecclesiastes 3:13

# **Happy Labor Day!**



### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Sunday, September 4 9:30 am Alternative Sunday School Class,

Room 304 & via Zoom

10:00 am Sunday School Classes

11:00 am Worship, livestream & in person

P.A.T.H. Offering

Monday, September 5 Happy Labor Day!

Church office closed
No evening Bible Study

Wednesday, September 7 10:-11:00 am Bible Study, Room 304 & via Zoom

6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Choir Practice



### **NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*The church office will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day.

\*You are invited to join the minister for our weekly Bible Study on Wednesday, September 7 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in Room 304 and via Zoom. This week we will read and talk about Galatians 2:1-21 as we consider what it means to live "the cross-shaped life." Check your email at the beginning of the week for the Zoom link. There will be no Monday night Bible Study this week.

Sunday School Rally Day! Sunday, September 11: (See insert)



### Today September 4



09/04: Jennifer & Royal Johnson



Sam Rose Jason Rouse Dave Wells

Opening
Church
Building
September
1-15:
Jason Rouse



Dear Friends, Thank all of you for the cards, telephone calls, and expressions of concern since my health issue in July. I appreciate all of you and am blessed to be part of the Wallace Presbyterian Church. Love in Christ,





## P.A.T.H. OFFERING

Presbyterian Answer to Hunge Today, September 4



Today we receive our quarterly (March, June, September, December) P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering. This offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina which funds feeding programs for children in Haiti and Malawi and provides grants to church food pantries such as our Helping Hands Food Pantry. Thank you for your generous support.