

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost

October 28, 2018

10:15 a.m.

CELEBRATION

"Praise the Lord"

Sleeth

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Jill Buntz

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Moment by Moment"

Pethel

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Aleuin of Tours (c. 735-804)

Leader Eternal Light, shine into our hearts;

PEOPLE ETERNAL GOODNESS, DELIVER US FROM EVIL;

Leader Eternal power, be our support;

PEOPLE ETERNAL WISDOM, SCATTER THE DARKNESS OF OUR IGNORANCE;

Leader Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us, That with all our heart and mind and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to you holy presence;

PEOPLE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

*PRAISE

"Come As You Are"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader Lord, in our blindness we cry out to you;

PEOPLE CALL US TO COME TO YOU.

Leader We need to have our eyes opened to our brokenness;

PEOPLE WE NEED TO SEE CLEARLY THAT WE ARE TRAPPED IN SIN.

Leader We have to lay down our burdens;

PEOPLE SO THAT WE CAN FOLLOW YOU WITH OUR WHOLE HEART.

Leader Let us see the light of your Kingdom;

PEOPLE AS THOUGH OUR EYES COULD SEE FOR THE FIRST TIME.

Silent Reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader Hear the Good News of the Gospel,

PEOPLE IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 579

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*PRAISE

"Voice of Truth"

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**Happy anniversary to you, happy birthday to you.
The Lord bless and keep you, this coming year too.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Hebrews 7: 23-28

CHILDREN'S TIME

Margaret Beigel

*HYMN

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

No. 280

SECOND READING

Mark 10: 46-52

SERMON

Bartimaeus

Reverend Mark Gaskill

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

"God Is Our Refuge"

Pote

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

No. 592

SENDING

*PRAISE

"On My Cross"

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

"The Church's One Foundation"

No. 442 (v.2)

TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*THE PEACE

Leader: May the grace and peace of Christ be with you.

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

*POSTLUDE

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

arr. Osman

"Leave in peace to serve our Lord and one another."

*Please stand if able.

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8:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Marie Carter

PREPARE YOUR HEART

PRELUDE *"Moment by Moment"* Pethel

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Aleuin of Tours (c. 735-804)*

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MINUTE FOR MISSION

RECEIVE THE WORD

FIRST READING Hebrews 7: 23-28

SECOND READING Mark 10: 46-52

SERMON *Bartimaeus* Reverend Mark Gaskill

THE SACRAMENT

PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS (*Intinction*)

Communion in the Presbyterian Church is open. All who profess faith in Jesus Christ are welcome to the Lord's Table. The ushers will ask you to come forward in groups to form a semi-circle around the Communion Table. After taking a piece of bread, dip it in either the wine (first chalice) or grape juice (second chalice) and eat.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

"Leave in peace to serve our Lord and one another."

*Please stand if able.

All children are welcome here, but we know that a fussy baby is much louder to a parent's ears than to any of ours. If you have need:

- We have a nursery down the main stairs and to the left. It is staffed with volunteers, who will gladly care for any little ones who show up at the beginning of the service. If there are none, the volunteers will come up to the sanctuary, the nursery room will remain available. There is also a diaper change station in the Nursery and in both downstairs restrooms.
- We have a speaker in the narthex so that you DIY soothers can listen while you walk the little ones around.

Except on communion Sundays, there is Children's church for ages 4 through grade 2. When there is Children's church, children will be dismissed after the Children's Time part of the service.

Worship Service Notes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GSPC ANNUAL CRAFT BAZAAR

Only 6 more days left until our Annual Craft Bazaar. In the bulletin you will find a green insert that has more information on the Bazaar and also is a volunteer form. If you would like to volunteer and/or donate items for the Bazaar (**like cookies – lots of cookies**), please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or contact Anne Creveling. In the Narthex you will find flyers to take and display at work, school, and on a grocery bulletin board.

*****Starting today you may drop off items at the church for the White Elephant Sale.**

LIFESTYLES' FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS & SERVICE

Good Samaritan will begin collecting non-perishable foods as part of a donation to the Life Styles Food Pantry. Donations will continue through Sunday, November 18. Donations can be placed in the large baskets available in the narthex storage closet.

Additionally, on Sunday, November 18, Pastor Mark Gaskill will lead the congregation in a "Blessing of the Food" ceremony as part of the 10:15 worship service. Everyone in attendance is encouraged to have one item of food to donate during the service. Baskets will be located at the front of the sanctuary for donations to be submitted as part of this ceremony.

Anyone with questions regarding the program can contact Jack Tuttle.

SAFE NIGHTS

On Nov. 11th, the Safe Nights Homeless Shelter will move into our Fellowship Hall for two weeks. During that time, we as a church will be in charge of feeding and housing the residents. There are many volunteer jobs to be done during that time in order to make it work. There are now sign-up sheets in the narthex and an overview of what the various jobs entail.

A WALK TO END HOMELESSNESS

The Walk is on Sat., Nov. 17th. This Walk is the primary fundraiser for the Safe Nights emergency shelter in Charles County. We will be sending a team from the church – start time is 9 am, but walkers should start gathering around 8:30. The cost to walk as a team member is \$20. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to walk. Checks should be made out to GSPC and can be placed in the envelope in the Narthex or marked "WALK" and put in the offering plate. Donations from those who cannot make it to the Walk will be gratefully accepted.

FRIENDS WHO LUNCH

The Friends Who Lunch will meet together Tuesday, November 13th, with a luncheon at Szechuan Garden in Waldorf. They will meet there at 12:00 noon. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

CHILDREN IN CHURCH

We have recently decided to make a change to the way we encourage our younger members to be a part of Sunday morning worship. We will no longer be running our Children's Church program following the Children's time. Instead we will be offering an expanded nursery program, and some new options for those kids who are trying to learn to participate in the "grown-up" part of church. Here are some guidelines:

- **Children who are in Kindergarten or below** are welcome in the Nursery. We have added an extra adult volunteer and are ready with some "big kid" activities.
- **For those who are growing out of nursery** we have made some space in the sanctuary for them to be able to sit and do some activities. The target age of the activity table in the back of the sanctuary is **1st-3rd Grade**. There will be an adult volunteer sitting near the table to help keep things "decent and in order," as is the Presbyterian way. Kids who would like to make use of the table are asked to behave themselves, share, and participate in songs and other parts of worship, but they will be given things to help them keep the fidgets at bay.
- Our **Children's Bulletins** will be available at the table and on clipboards that kids who would like to stay with parents or grandparents can take to their seats.

Parents are encouraged to make the ultimate decision about what is best for their child, our age guidelines are flexible, not written in stone. As with all changes there are ups and downs and we welcome feedback on what might improve our ministry to the little ones.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

November/December there will be a new Adult Sunday School Option, led by Michele Gaskill on Nov 11, 18, 25, Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

Our resource will be: *Amazing Grace, A Vocabulary of Faith* by Kathleen Norris, from the New York Times-bestselling author of *The Cloister Walk*, a book about Christianity, spirituality, and rediscovered faith.

Struggling with her return to the Christian church after many years away, Kathleen Norris found it was the language of Christianity that most distanced her from faith. Words like "judgment," "faith," "dogma," "salvation," "sinner"—even "Christ"—formed what she called her "scary vocabulary," words that had become so codified or abstract that their meanings were all but impenetrable. She found she had to wrestle with them and make them her own before they could confer their blessings and their grace. Blending history, theology, storytelling, etymology, and memoir, Norris uses these words as a starting point for reflection.

We will be reading some chosen excerpts aloud and discussing what they mean to each of us individually and as a church body learning to be disciples. Purchase of book is optional.

FIRST READING **HEBREWS 7: 23-28**

²³Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

SECOND READING **MARK 10: 46-52**

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today.
There are fellowship pads at the end of the row, please pass them, and sign them, so that you can learn the names of those who are sitting near you and so that they can know yours as well. Provide other information as desired. After the service, talk to old friends and meet some new ones.

We have snacks and coffee downstairs.

We have a platform lift for anyone who doesn't do well with stairs, see an usher for assistance.

*Please be mindful that as we prepare for worship
we are entering sacred space and sacred time.*

Please turn off cell phones and refrain from using other electronic media.

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The flowers on the Retable this morning are given by the Ellison Family in loving memory of Doug's mother, Barbara Ellison.

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Today's Volunteers: *Greeters:* Keith Carter (8:00), Jack and Judy Crews (10:15); *Acolyte:* Penny Kriebel; *Ushers:* Ron and Lou Ann Gallegos (10:15); *Readers:* Marie Carter (8:00), Holly and Ron Banks (10:15); *Nursery Volunteers:* William and Christine Buntz; *Coffee Hour:* Flora Families

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TODAY

Worship Service at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service at 10:15 a.m.
Hummingbirds at 11:30 a.m.
Youth Group Meets at 6:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK

Mon. (Oct. 29): 10:30 a.m. – Crafters
Tues. (Oct. 30): 9:30 a.m. – Women's Bible Study
Thurs. (Nov. 1): 5:30 p.m. – Celebration Ringers
7:00 p.m. – Adult Choir
Sat. (Nov. 3): **GSPC Annual Craft Bazaar 9-2 p.m.**

COMING SOON

Women's Fellowship on Saturday, Nov. 10th at 9:30 a.m.
GSPC hosts SAFE Nights Sunday, Nov. 11th thru Nov. 25th
The Walk to End Homelessness on Saturday, Nov. 17th at 9 a.m.



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SESSION MEMBERS (CLASS)

Grover Baldwin (2019)	John Holmes (2020)
Holly Banks (2021)	Megan Howell (2020)
Margaret Beigel (2019)	Stephen Lehrter (2020)
Jill Buntz (2019)	Beverly Tallmadge (2021)
Loann Burian (2020)	Jack Tuttle (2021)
Jack Crews (2019)	Sandy Webb (2021)

“Come As You Are”

Come out of sadness from wherever you’ve been
Come brokenhearted, let rescue begin
Come find your mercy; O sinner, come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can’t heal.
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can’t heal.

Chorus:

Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.

All who are broken, lift up your face.

O, wanderer, come home; you’re not too far.

So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,

Come as you are.

2nd time: Come as you are. Fall in his arms.

Come as you are.

3rd time: Come as you are. Come as you are.

Come as you are.

There’s hope for the hopeless and all those who’ve strayed
Come sit at the table. Come taste the grace.
There’s rest for the weary, rest that endures.
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can’t cure.

There’s joy for the morning, O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can’t heal.
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can’t heal.

“On My Cross”

How wide is Your love, that You would
stretch Your arms and go around the World!
And why for me would a savior’s cry be heard?
I don’t know why You went where I was meant to go
I don’t know why You love me so.

CHORUS

**Those were my nails, that was my crown
that pierced Your hands, and Your brow.**

**Those were my thorns, those were my scorns,
those were my tears that fell down.**

**And just as You said it would be,
You did it all for me!
And after You counted the cost,
You took my shame, my blame,
On my cross!**

How deep is Your grace that You could
see my need and choose to take my place.
And then for me, these words I’d hear You say:
“Father no! Forgive them for they know not what they do.
I will go because I love them so.”
(repeat chorus twice)

“Voice of Truth”

Oh, what I would do to have the kind of faith it takes
to climb out of this boat I’m in onto the crashing waves.
To step out of my comfort zone into the realm of the unknown
where Jesus is and He’s holdin’ out His hand.

But the waves are calling out my name and they laugh at me.
Reminding me of all the times I’ve tried before and failed.
The waves they keep on tellin’ me time and time again,
“Boy, you’ll never win, you’ll never win!”

**But the voice of Truth tells me a different story;
The voice of Truth says, “Do not be afraid.”
And the voice of Truth says, “This is for my glory.”
Out of all the voices calling out to me,
I will choose to listen and believe the voice of Truth.**

Oh what I would do to have the kind of strength it takes
to stand before a giant with just a sling and a stone.
Surrounded by the sound of a thousand warriors shaking in their
armor,
Wishin’ they’d have had the strength to stand.

But the giant’s callin’ out my name and he laughs at me.
Reminding me of all the times I’ve tried before and failed.
The giant keeps on telling me, time and time again,
“Boy, you’ll never win! You’ll never win!”

But the stone was just the right size to put the giant on the ground.
And the waves, they don’t seem so high on top of them lookin’ down.
I’ll soar with the wings of eagles when I stop and
listen to the sound of Jesus singing over me!