



GOOD SAMARITAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 1, 2024

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

"Strength in the Stillness"

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

James 1: 17-18

One: Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift,

ALL: IS FROM ABOVE,

One: Coming down from the Father of Lights,

ALL: WITH WHOM THERE IS NO VARIATION OR SHADOW DUE TO CHANGE.

One: In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth,

ALL: SO THAT WE WOULD BECOME A KIND OF FIRST FRUITS OF HIS CREATURES.

*HYMN

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

No. 439

CALL TO CONFESSION

James 1: 22-25

One: Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

ALL: FOR IF ANY ARE HEARERS OF THE WORD AND NOT DOERS, THEY ARE LIKE THOSE WHO LOOK AT THEMSELVES IN A MIRROR; FOR THEY LOOK AT THEMSELVES AND, ON GOING AWAY, IMMEDIATELY FORGET WHAT THEY WERE LIKE.

One: But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty and persevere,

ALL: BEING NOT HEARERS WHO FORGET, BUT DOERS WHO ACT – THEY WILL BE BLESSED IN THEIR DOING.

Silent Reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader Hear the Good News of the Gospel,

PEOPLE IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 579

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

“The Table”

See insert

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15

SERMON

Sanitized for Your Protection

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THE SACRAMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER

SENDING

*HYMN

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

No. 510

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

arr. McKibben

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader May the Grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

PEOPLE AND ALSO WITH YOU!

*Please stand if able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUNNEL CAKES AT THE FAIR

Starting Thursday, September 12th, Good Samaritan will again be selling funnel cakes at the Charles County Fair. We will need **VOLUNTEERS** to help with this important fundraising event from the set up on Thursday morning through the break down on Monday morning. **There are now sign-up sheets in the narthex.** Any questions can be directed to John Holmes or Alicia Barefoot. Come join the fun!

****We are so fortunate that we do not need any donations of soda or water; however, we are requesting donations for Oreo Double Stuffed Cookies. If you are able to donate the cookies, please put them in the narthex coat closet by Sunday, Sept. 8th.**

ANYTIME BAGS

We will be continuing our collection of non-perishable, individually packaged food items to be packed into Anytime Bags to donate to LifeStyles. The bags will be used for their Street Outreach program and to give out as lunches in the dayroom of the White Plains Shelter as the Safe Nights program of housing individuals in motels has ended for the season.

Items needed for the bags include: bottled water, single serving main dish items, granola bars, snacks, fruit cups and desserts. As always donations can be left in the coat closet in the narthex. The congregational support for this project has been great and is much appreciated! Our collection of donations for the food pantry at LifeStyles continues as well. Thanks to all for your generosity.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ON SEPT. 8TH

Beginning on **September 8**, Rev. Mark will be leading a study on the theology and philosophy of J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis. We will be focusing on the fiction/fantasy works of these authors. What do Middle Earth and Narnia have to do with our world? Let's find out. **Class will start at 8:30 AM** and finish by around 9:30 AM on Sunday morning.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

There is a sample of the new church directory in the Narthex. Please take a moment and make sure that your family/household information is correct. Make any corrections and/or additions on the sample copy. If you have any questions call the church office. If you would like to be added to the church directory, please add your information to the back portion of the sample.

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 4: 1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. ⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children—

SECOND READING: MARK 7: 1-8, 14-15

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

The Table

I will feast at the table of the Lord.
I will feast at the table of the Lord.
I won't hunger anymore at His table.

I will feast at the table of the Lord.
I will feast at the table of the Lord.
I won't hunger anymore at His table.

**Come all you weary, come and find.
His yoke is easy, His burden light.
He is able; He will restore at the table of the Lord.**

There is peace at the table of the Lord.
There is peace at the table of the Lord.
I won't worry anymore at His table.

There is healing at the table of the Lord.
There is healing at the table of the Lord.
I won't suffer anymore at His table.

**Come all you weary, come and find.
His yoke is easy, His burden light.
He is able; He will restore at the table of the Lord.**

I know He has a place for me.
Oh what joy will fill my heart.
With the saints around the mercy seat of God.

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**Today's Volunteers: *Greeters:* Ken and Kay Winters; *Ushers:* Bill Koennel
and Paul Webb; *Scripture Reader:* Liz Carroll**

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TODAY

Worship Service at 10 AM

THIS WEEK

Mon. (Sept. 2): Church Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day

No Crafters Today

Tues. (Sept. 3): 9:00 AM – FWG Meeting

9:30 AM – Women's Bible Study

Wed. (Sept. 4): Bible Study with Rev. Mark Will Resume in the Fall

COMING SOON

Funnel Cakes at the Charles County Fair Sept. 12th – 15th