

The Order for the Worship of God

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Worldwide Communion Sunday

October 1, 2017
Eleven o'clock a.m.

The Service of Preparation

Silent Preparation

Speak Lord, for your servant is listening. Incline my heart to your words and let your speech come upon me as dew upon the grass. For you have the words of eternal life. Speak to me to comfort my soul and to change my whole life; in turn, may it give you praise and glory and honor, forever and ever. Amen.

Thomas a` Kempis

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

The Prelude

The Choral Introit *"May The Words of Our Mouth"* Beck

✦ The Call to Worship (from Lamentations 3)

Leader: This we call to mind and therefore we have hope:

People: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Leader: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. Come, let us worship our God!

✦ The Hymn of Adoration No. 262
Holy, Holy, Holy

Verse 1 - All, Verse 2 - men, Verse 3 - Women, Verse 4 - All

✦ The Declaration of Faith The Apostles' Creed

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.*

The Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

The Prayer of Silent Confession and Repentance

The Prayer of Confession

Leader: Faithful God and Savior, we confess this morning that, although we talk and sing about your faithfulness, we often live and serve together as though your promises to us cannot be trusted.

People: Forgive us, Lord, and renew your Spirit within us.

Leader: We proclaim your faithfulness and betray each other; we proclaim your faithfulness and ignore many who cry out for mercy; we proclaim your faithfulness and avoid telling others about the salvation that you have secured for all who would come to you; we proclaim your faithfulness only if the outcome is already accomplished.

All: Forgive us, gracious Savior, and renew us with a new fervor, a gentle strength and a contrite heart so that we might become the instrument of your faithfulness in a world that aches for you; for the sake of Jesus, our Redeemer, Amen.

The Assurance of Forgiveness

✦ The Gloria Patri No. 622

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.

The Response to God's Work in Our Lives

The Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

✦ Doxology No. 625

PLEASE PRAY FOR: (CONTINUES)

Sam Elliot, Continued prayers during cancer treatment.
(Mother works at the Oak Diner in Salem)

Steve Silagi, Prayers for health concerns and surgery.
(Friend of Betty Simpkins)

Gene Zieger's father, Prayers for chronic health issues.

Bernie Weber, Prayers for serious health concerns.
(Friend of David & Sharon Eastlack)

Bill Wilkinson, Receiving treatment for spinal tumor.
(Friend of the Kings)

Caroline Hickman, Prayers during cancer treatment.
(16 year old daughter of a co-worker of Keith Campbell)

Dawn Kimble, Prayers for health issues.

Terry Zieger, Prayers for health concerns.

Robert Pollack, Continued prayers. (Steve Pollack's brother)

Donna Bacon, Continued prayers for health issues.

Bob & Maureen McCook, Chronic health issues.
(John King's sister & brother-in-law)

Carol Lee, Diagnosed with cancer. (Friend of Sharon Eastlack)

Amy Ricketts, Continued prayers for health issues.

Galen & Sara Lenhart, Continued prayers. (Beth Davenport's parents)

Biba Kavass, Continued prayers. (Friend of Beth Davenport)

Elder/Reader - Kym Owens

Acolyte - Logan Davis



The flowers at the pulpit today are presented to the glory of God by Betty Simpkins in memory of friend, Lois Coleman, who recently passed away.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Sun. 10/01** Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service & Lord's Supper, 11:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hour, 12:00 noon
- Tues. 10/03** Women's Services, 5:45-7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 10/04** Prayer Group, 9:30 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.
- Sat. 10/07** City Lights Monthly Gathering, 4:45-9:00 p.m.

REMINDER

- There will be a Deacon's Meeting Sunday, October 8th following the Worship Service.

Today's loose offerings are dedicated to the Deacons Helping Hand Fund

Flower Sponsors Needed October 15th, 22nd, & 29th

If anyone is interested, please see Betty Simpkins or call the church office at 935-2148. The cost is \$15.00. Clearly mark your check "Flowers" and place in with the regular offering.

Yuletide Festival in Historic Salem - 30th Annual Yuletide Tour

The Salem City Yuletide Committee has announced plans for the 30th Annual Yuletide Tour of Salem homes and churches from 1:00-6:00 p.m. on December 2nd. We are in need of volunteers to help out again this year at the church. If you

would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 935-2148. Thank you.

SERMONS FOR THE SUNDAYS OF FALL

October 8, "Let Me Make This Very Clear", Matthew 21:33-46

October 15, "Kingdom Etiquette", Matthew 22:1-14

October 22, "Foiled Again", Matthew 22:15-22

October 29, "Uncle!", Matthew 22:34-46



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10/04 Craig Ives

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

10/06/2001 James & Christina Porter

10/07/2007 Bill & Angela Grabow

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST

New Life Destiny Fellowship Salem NJ

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

Ellie Hall - Wycliffe Bible Translator in Thailand

Revs. Dwayne & Janet Doyle - Living in Haddon Heights NJ, and seeking a new call.

Trinity Preparatory School - Matt & Chanda Williams

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY'S LEADERS & THOSE IN THE MILITARY:

Mark Lindle...U.S. Navy

James Morrison...U.S. Air Force

Jamie Spears...U.S. Navy

Andrew Spears...Delaware Air National Guard

Matthew Kemm, M.D....U.S. Army Medical Corps

Austin Brown...U.S. Air Force



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Chelsea Slaughter & Baby Amelia, Salem resident (daughter of Chris Davenport's co-worker, Gail Slaughter) is in ICU at Christiana Hospital due to pregnancy difficulties. Baby Amelia is in ICU too.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: (CONTINUES)

Elvena Eastlack, Recovering from second major back surgery.

(Sister-in-law of David & Sharon Eastlack)

Charis and Ana Williams, Undergoing treatment for Lyme Disease and related complications.

Peg Ingram, Recovering from Lyme Disease.

First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Continue to pray for the work of the Pastoral Nominating Committee. We are still sorting through resumes presented to us. Please pray that God's candidate will surface in a timely manner and that we will be able to make the call with the assurance that the Lord is directing our choice. Pray for each one of us (Reid, Earl, Chris, Kym, Erin and Wendy) that we will continue to do this work faithfully, committed to the task that you, the congregation, has given us. Pray for John also, giving thanks for his ability to joyfully shepherd this flock while he waits for this interim season to come to a close.

Colton Colican, Recovering from extensive injuries resulting from an auto accident. *(Friend of Lindsey Zieger)*

Ann Eber, 94 years old; prayers for chronic health concerns. *(Mike Eber's mother)*

Mike Smith, Prayers for serious health issues. *(Friend of Keith & Shirley Campbell)*

Harry Springer, Prayers for severe health issues. *(Friend of David Eastlack)*

Connie DiArchangelo, Prayers for recent diagnosis of serious health issues. *(Mother of a friend of Reid Willis)*

Linda Stokes, Prayers for serious health issues. *(Friend of Erin Owens.)*

Terry Zieger's sister, Serious health problems.

Robert Parker, Health concerns. *(Friend of David Eastlack)*

Brandon Bush, *(Friend of Reid Willis)*

Bob Hyatt, *(Friend of Reid Willis)*

Elizabeth Colucci, Prayers for health concerns. *(Carol Ives' niece)*

Rev. Jack & Martha Schilthuis, Prayers for health issues.

Alexander Fiorillo, Diagnosed with a spinal tumor.

(Joe's piano coach)

Sarah Doyle, Continued prayers. (*Rev. Dwayne & Janet Doyle's daughter*)

Linda Grant, Prayers for serious health concerns and treatment. (*Friend of the Warren/Owens Families*)

Sermon Notes

- I. Who's the boss? Matthew 21:23-32
- A. Context.
1. This incident takes place after the cursing of the fig tree, the triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the cleansing of the temple.
 2. Jesus is making it clear that he rejects the cold legalism of Israel's institutional religion, a system that ignores and despises the sinner and the outcast and has lost its thirst for God's truth.
- B. Cat and mouse.
1. The leaders (chief priests and elders) come to him as though they are actually looking for an answer. Their real intention is to try to find a way to condemn him (v. 23).
 2. Jesus' response (vv. 24-25) is framed in a commonly approved manner of rabbinical

theological discourse, i.e. debate by counter-question.

3. Because Jesus' ministry was bound up in John the Baptist's ministry, his authority was also bound up with John's authority.
 4. The leaders are caught between what they disbelieve (they didn't believe in John's ministry) and diplomacy (they didn't want to offend the people whose support they need), so they claim ignorance (vv. 25-27). Jesus let them wallow in their deceit!
- C. The man with two sons (vv. 28-31).
1. This is a simple parable to understand. The priests and elders give the correct answer.
 2. And in doing so, they bring condemnation upon themselves.
 3. Still, they "do not change their minds (repent) and believe him" (v. 32).