

The Order for the Worship of God

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2017

Eleven o'clock a.m.

The Service of Preparation

Silent Preparation

All the parables that deal with nature – the lilies of the field, the birds of the air, the shepherd and his sheep – breathe something of peace and safety and order. But wherever man occupies the center – no matter whether it be the unmerciful servant, the unjust steward, the rich man, or whoever it may be – there is always the element of dramatic tension, conflict, doom, and downfall.

Helmut Thielicke in *The Waiting Father*

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

The Prelude

The Choral Introit *“May The Words of Our Mouth”* Beck

✦ The Call to Worship (from Psalm 19)

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

People: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold.

Leader: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. Come, let us worship our God!

✦ The Hymn of Adoration..... No. 64

All Creatures of Our God and King (vv. 1, 4, 5)

✦ The Declaration of Faith The Confession of 1967

Leader: The church gathers to praise God, to hear God's word for all people, to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the world to God in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world's affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time.

People: The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity. Each member, endowed by the Spirit, is the church in the world. Amen.

The Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

The Prayer of Silent Confession and Repentance

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

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 Prayer of Dedication

PLEASE PRAY FOR: (CONTINUES)

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 Lenhert, Continued prayers. (Beth Davenport's parents)

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



The flowers at the pulpit today are presented to the glory of God by Joan Hassler in memory of her mother's birthday.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Sun. 10/08** Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.
Deacon's Meeting following the Worship Service
Fellowship Hour, 12:00 noon
- Mon. 10/09** *Columbus Day*
New Tutor Training, 12:00-2:00 p.m.
- Tues. 10/10** New Tutor Training, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Women's Services, 5:45-7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 10/11** Prayer Group, 9:30 a.m.
New Tutor Training, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Pastor's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
Young Adult Group, 7:00 p.m.
Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.

Flower Sponsor Needed October 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 15, "Foiled Again!", Matthew 22:15-22

October 22, Testimony from the Women's Retreat

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
10/14 Christina Porter

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
10/14/2006 Keith & Dawn Davis

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST
Second Baptist Church 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:

Harry Springer, Undergoing heart valve replacement surgery.
(Friend of David Eastlack)
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.
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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: (CONTINUES)

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)

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)

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)

Sermon Notes

- I. Let Me Make This Very Clear. Matthew 21:33-46
- A. Progressive Condemnation.
1. The Palm Sunday reprimand, the cursing of the fig tree, the cleansing of the temple.
 2. The parable of the two sons - Condemned for their failure to believe John the Baptist.
- B. The parable of the wicked tenants.
1. This parable is told along with the parable of the two sons.
 2. Verses 40-41 - By asking this question, Jesus invites the chief priests and Pharisees, who have come to condemn him, to condemn themselves.
 - a. This is comparable to Nathan and David in II Samuel 12:5-7. David, however, repents of his sin (Psalm 51).
 3. The actions of the tenants in the parable (vv. 38-39) have been planned, but not executed by the leaders who hear the parable. The consequences described in verses 42-44 are a clear warning to these people.
 4. In verses 45-46, it is clear that they understand and just as clear that they have no intention of repenting.
 5. They realize that the people regard him as a prophet and this restrains them, but only while they look for an opportune time to eliminate him. They seem to miss the implication that, in the

parable, the prophets are the mistreated slaves and Jesus is the Son of God, the heir of all creation.

- C. As we come and worship God and, especially when we gather at his table, we come as "forgiven tenants." The presumption is that we, unlike the wicked tenants, have repented of our sin and come before the Lord to enjoy and celebrate the special presence of our Lord and host, the Son, as he nourishes and equips us for service in his vineyard and we long for the day when we will gather around his table enjoying the final perfection of his kingdom.