

The Order for the Worship of God

The 7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2017

Ten o'clock a.m.

The Service of Preparation

Silent Preparation

A benediction used often by the late Richard Halverson,
former Chaplain of the U.S. Senate:

You go nowhere by accident.

Wherever you go, God is sending you.

Wherever you are, God has put you there.

He has a purpose in your being there.

*Christ who indwells you has something He wants to do
through you wherever you are.*

Believe this and go in his grace and love and power. Amen.

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

WELCOME GUEST MUSICIANS

Eve Edwards, Soprano and Jeff Edwards, Trumpet

The Prelude "Sheep May Safely Graze" J.S. Bach

✦ The Call to Worship (from Psalm 139)

Leader: You have searched us, Lord, and you know us.
You know when we sit and when we rise; you
perceive our thoughts from afar. You are familiar
with all our ways.

**People: You go behind us and ahead of us, and you lay
your hand of blessing upon us. Such knowledge
is too wonderful for us, too lofty for us to attain.**

Leader: Search us, God, and know our hearts; test us and
know our anxious thoughts. See if there is any
offensive way in us, and lead us in the way
everlasting. Come, let us worship our God!

Favorite Hymns

The Prayers of Adoration and The Prayers 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 "It Is Well with My Soul" ARR. Hayes

✦ 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

The Hymn of Meditation..... see insert
As the Deer (vv. 1, 3)

The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Ministry of the Word

The Scripture Reading Romans 8:12-25
(p. 944 in pew bible)

Special Music

The Sermon "Tiptoes" Rev. King

✦ The Hymn of Dedication..... No. 74
Majesty

✦ The Benediction

✦ Congregational Response #380 (chorus) *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*
*Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily, walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

Postlude

✦ Please stand if you are able

Elder/Reader - Reid Willis

Acolyte - Lindsey Zieger

PLEASE PRAY FOR: (CONTINUED)

Father Michael J. Doyle, Diagnosed with mouth cancer.

(Parish Priest of Chris Davenport's coworker)

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)*



The flowers at the pulpit today are presented to the glory of God by the Deacons in memory of loved ones.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Sun. 07/23** Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hour, 11:00 a.m.
- Mon. 07/24** Lego Camp, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Tues. 07/25** Lego Camp, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Women's Services, 5:45-7:30 p.m.

- Wed. 07/26** Prayer Group, 9:30 a.m.
Lego Camp, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Young Adult Group, 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. 07/27** Lego Camp, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Fri. 07/28** City Lights, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Sat. 07/29** **CPR/AED Training at FPCS, 9:00-11:00 a.m.**
- Sun. 07/30** **Church Picnic, Fort Mott State Park, 10:00 a.m.**



CPR CLASS WITH DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

A 2-hour CPR class with defibrillator training will be held here at the First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, July 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Anyone interested in participating in this class should call the church office at 935-2148 no later than Monday, July 24th, to sign-up.

-A minimum of 8 people is needed to hold the class-

CHURCH PICNIC - FORT MOTT STATE PARK



SUNDAY, JULY 30TH - 10:00 A.M.

KIRSCHBAUM PAVILION

Bring your favorite "covered dish" to share.

SERMONS FOR THE WEEKS OF SUMMER

- July 30, Ft. Mott Picnic, "Guaranteed to Finish", Romans 8:26-39
- August 6, "A Broken Heart", Romans 9:1-5
- August 13, "Beautiful Feet", Romans 10:5-15
- August 20 "What About the Old Testaments?",
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
- August 27, "Living Sacrifices", Romans 12:1-8

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 BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST

Mt. Pisgah AME Church Salem NJ

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:

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: (CONTINUED)

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)*

Elvena Eastlack, Prayers for severe spinal stenosis. *(Sister-in-law of David & Sharon 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)*

Randi Gage, Praise for encouraging test results.

Brandon Bush, *(Friend of Reid Willis)*

Bob Hyatt, *(Friend of Reid Willis)*

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

Torrey Reade, Prayers for serious health concerns. *(Friend of Noel Kemm)*

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)*

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)*

Sermon Notes

I. Tiptoes!

Romans 8:12-25

A. Our realized and future hope as we live in the Spirit.

1. No fear of spiritual death . . . instead, the experience of “real life” with more to come (v. 13).
2. We are no longer slaves . . . instead, we have been adopted into a new family with full status (vv. 14-15). In the Roman Empire, adoption was an opportunity and a great honor. It could occur at any age. All previous debts and associations were canceled and those who were adopted became newly defined by their new relationship to their adopting father to whom they became full heirs.
 - a. The Spirit affirms to us that we really are God’s children. Roman adoption had to be sealed by the confirmation of a witness. The Holy Spirit is our witness (v. 16).
 - b. God welcomes us to address him as “Father”. We are not outsiders.
 - c. We share in all of the treasures of the household of God . . . this includes the suffering and struggles which we now endure as well as the glory of which we presently have a taste (v. 17).

B. The ramifications of our hope.

1. God’s work in our lives is the centerpiece of what is happening in creation. In fact, all of creation “is on tiptoe” to see the emerging of God’s work in us . . . it is creation’s crucial drama . . . all of history finds its vital meaning in this (v. 19).
 - a. Our reluctance to see and acknowledge this is a major stumbling block in our lives and ministries . . . it is not unusual for us to think or say, “The work of God’s kingdom is important, but not that vital or important.”

2. Because of the magnificence of God’s plan, we are willing, by God’s grace, to endure anything in the present (v. 18).
3. We don’t have all the details . . . our lives are often like an unfolding mystery and that means that we struggle along with all of creation in this world marked by sin (vv. 21-23) . . . like a woman in labor (v. 22).

C. Let’s not forget the certainty of our hope.

1. We have a foretaste (v. 23), a down payment on our final redemption . . . we have already been saved by this hope (v. 24).
2. Hope always means waiting for something that we haven’t yet received (vv. 24-25). Given that reality, let’s dig in and wait with patience and perseverance (v. 25, also see Hebrews 12:1-3).