

The Order for the Worship of God

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2017

Ten o'clock a.m.

The Service of Preparation

Silent Preparation

*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well.*

Matthew 6:33

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

WELCOME GUEST CHORISTER

Allison Goodwin

The Prelude

The Choral Introit *"Knowing You"* (Phil. 3:7) Kendrick

✦ The Call to Worship (from Psalm 73)

Leader: Surely God is good to God's people, to those who are pure in heart.

People: We are always with you, Lord. You hold us by your right hand. You guide us with your counsel and afterward you will take us into glory.

Leader: Whom have we in heaven but you, O Lord? And earth has nothing we desire besides you. Our flesh and our heart may fail, but God is the strength of our heart and our portion forever. Come, let us worship our God!

✦ The Hymn of Adoration No. 92

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (vv. 1, 2, 4)

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

The Hymn of Meditation No. 429

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Ministry of the Word

The Scripture Reading Matthew 20:1-16
(p. 825 in pew bible)

The Anthem *"Devotion"* John Ness Beck

The Sermon *"Is This Any Way To Run A Business?"* Rev. King

✦ The Hymn of Dedication No. 4

How Great Thou Art (vv. 1, 4)

✦ The Benediction

✦ The Congregational Response (chorus) *On Eagle's Wings*

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Postlude

✦ Please stand if you are able

Elder/Reader – Joe Krupa

Acolyte – T'aja Goodwin

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)

The flowers at the pulpit today are presented to the glory of God by Keith & Shirley Campbell in memory of loved ones.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Sun. 09/24** Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hour, 11:00 a.m.
- Tues. 09/26** *Stand Up For Salem Dinner at The Inn at Salem Country Club, 6:00 p.m.*
Women's Services, 5:45-7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 09/27** Prayer Group, 9:30 a.m.
Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m.
Young Adult Group, 7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENT WITH YOUNG ADULT GROUP

September 27th at 7:00 p.m.: Beginning a new DVD series together by Matt Chandler called Rediscovering Redemption.
Hope to see you there! It's a great time to invite a friend to join our group!!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sunday, October 1st, Sunday school will resume at 9:30 a.m. and the Worship Service will return to 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, October 4th, Pastor's Bible Study will resume at 6:30 p.m. Choir to follow at 7:30 p.m.
- There will be a Deacon's Meeting Sunday, October 8th following the Worship Service.

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.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9/30 Cyle Willis

9/30 Andrew Dodds

SERMONS FOR THE SUNDAYS OF FALL

October 1, "Who's the Boss?", Matthew 21:23-32

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST

Victory Fellowship 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:

Chris Davenport, Recovering from knee surgery.

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)

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3. There is work to be done and a vineyard that needs care. There are laborers who need to be recruited.
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