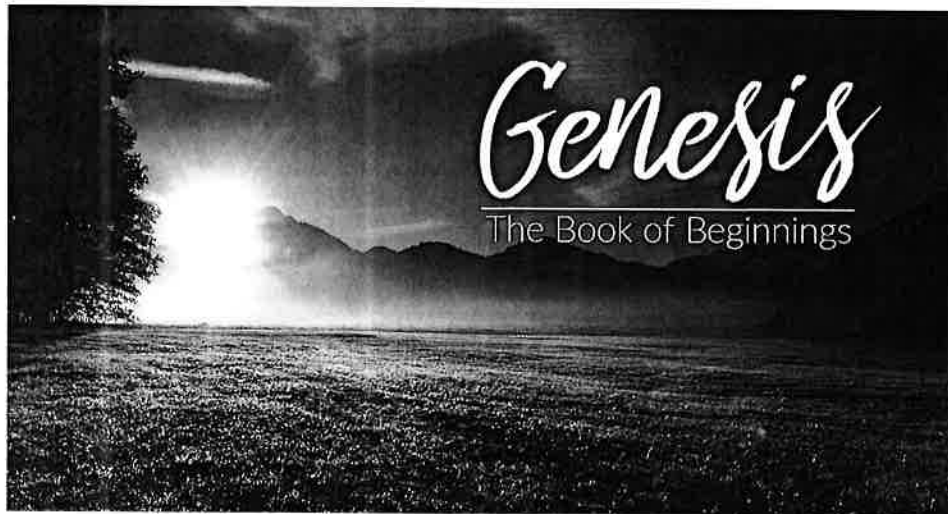


*FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*



12th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 20, 2023
10:00 A.M.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Liturgist

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come.

**God will bring us to the holy mountain,
a house of prayer for all people.**

**God gathers all the outcasts together,
and makes us joyful!**

*HYMN insert *“Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee”*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Norlita Kaul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Norlita Kaul

**God of all goodness, We do not want to face all that
is in our own hearts. We want to focus on the
good— on the love, the compassion, the care—and
ignore the bad—the greed, the envy, the cruelty.
But before you, God, we must face it. Forgive all
the ways we have let evil take hold in our hearts.
Cleanse us. Help us face our own demons, and
empower us to live a Christlike life.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Norlita Kaul

We have been disobedient to God,
but we have received mercy.

**Let us live our lives as those transformed
by the abundant mercy of God!**

*GLORIA PATRI

HEARING THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ps. 133

Liturgist
O. T. pg 575

- ¹ How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
- ² **It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.**
- ³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
**For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.**

FOCUS READING

Gen. 45:1-15

Rev. Kaul and Liturgist
O.T. pg. 42

SERMON “Forgiveness in the Family” Rev. Norlita Kaul

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN insert

“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face” vs. 1,3,4

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN insert "*The Old Rugged Cross*"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

**May the Lord watch between me and thee while we
are absent, one from another. Amen. (*Mizpah Benediction*)**

POSTLUDE

- - Those who are able, please stand.
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LITURGIST- Anne Sheppard

USHERS- Team 5 John Ambrose, captain; Bruce Carl

COUNTERS - Team C - Yvonne Custis and Debbie Homan

FLOWERS-

Session Members

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Boykin-Greenberg

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Curtis Homan

Debbie Homan

Franz Pampuch

Sandy Zimmerman

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