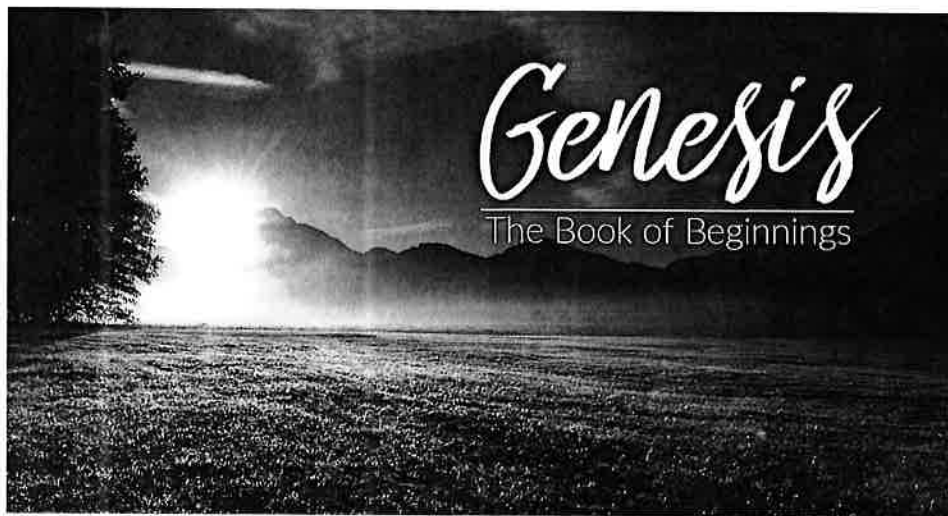


FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



7th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 16, 2023
10:00 A.M.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Liturgist

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

*HYMN #229 *“From All That Dwell Below The Skies”*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Norlita Kaul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Norlita Kaul

**O God, we are quick to say, “We didn’t know.”
“We didn’t mean to.” “We didn’t expect that to
happen.” But we have not tended the soil of
our lives. We let it stay shallow and rocky by
not learning from the experience of others. We let
it be riddled with thorns by succumbing to our
own prejudices. Life-giving God, Help us to tend
our soil. Open us to being challenged, enable us
to learn, so that your word will take root and
bear good fruit in our lives.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Norlita Kaul

There is no condemnation for us: God has forgiven us
that we might live according to the Spirit.

The Spirit of God dwells within us.

Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI

HEARING THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ps. 119:105-112

Liturgist
O. T. pg 569

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

¹⁰⁶ **I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.**

¹⁰⁷ I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O LORD, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸ **Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD,
and teach me your ordinances.**

¹⁰⁹ I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget your law.

¹¹⁰ **The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.**

¹¹¹ Your decrees are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹² **I incline my heart to perform your statutes
forever, to the end.**

*HYMN insert *"Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet"*

FOCUS READING

Gen. 25:19-34

Rev. Kaul and Liturgist
O.T. pg. 20

SERMON

"Sibling Rivalry Part I"

Rev. Norlita Kaul

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN insert *"Rock of Ages"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.17*

Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #276 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

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- Yvonne Custis

USHERS- Team 8 Franz Pampuch, captain; Bill Frietag
& Frank Pillsbury

COUNTERS - Team C - Yvonne Cusits and Debbie Homan

FLOWERS- Yvonne Custis

Session Members

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Boykin-Greenberg

Albert Fooks

Curtis Homan

Debbie Homan

Franz Pampuch

Sandy Zimmerman

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