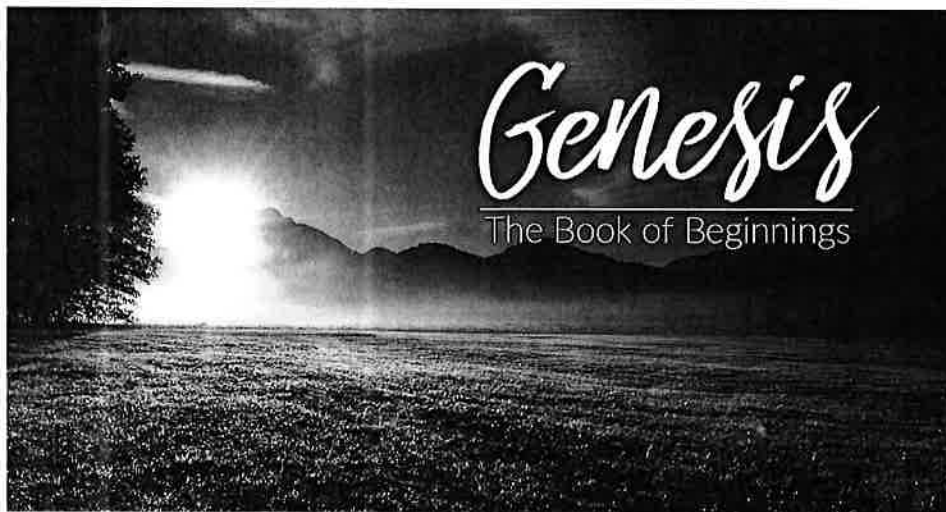


FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



9th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 30, 2023
10:00 A.M.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Liturgist

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

We seek the kingdom of God:

where the smallest seeds turn into great plants.

We seek the kingdom of God:

as precious as pearls or treasure.

We seek the kingdom of God:

where joy and abundance reign.

*HYMN #466 *“O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing”*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Norlita Kaul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Norlita Kaul

Spirit, intercede . . .

when we fall short of your glory,

when we do not deserve your promises,

**when we do not act like those who have been
called your family.**

Spirit, intercede . . .

when our words wound,

when our silence speaks volumes,

**when our actions are a far cry from what you
would have us do.**

Spirit, intercede . . .

break forth into our lives,

forming us into the image of your Son,

that we might never feel separate from you again.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Norlita Kaul

Beloved, hear this good news: God is for us.

Not even our sins can separate us from the love of God.

Glory be to God for this grace and mercy!

*GLORIA PATRI

HEARING THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Liturgist

Ps. 105:1-11,45

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¹ O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

² **Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**

³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

⁴ **Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.**

⁵ Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,

⁶ **O offspring of his servant Abraham,^[a]
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

⁷ He is the Lord our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.

⁸ **He is mindful of his covenant forever,
of the word that he commanded for a thousand
generations,**

⁹ the covenant that he made with Abraham,
his sworn promise to Isaac,

¹⁰ **which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,**

¹¹ saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan
as your portion for an inheritance."

⁴⁵ **that they might keep his statutes
and observe his laws. Praise the Lord!**

FOCUS READING

Gen. 29

Rev. Kaul and Liturgist

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SERMON

"Sibling Rivalry Part II"

Rev. Norlita Kaul

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN insert *"Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil"* Sign 2 X's

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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. *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.17*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #422 *"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"*

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.

LITURGIST- Yvonne Custis

USHERS- Team 2 Bruce Hankins, captain; Al Fooks

COUNTERS - Team E - Volunteers needed

FLOWERS- Yvonne Custis

IN OUR PRAYERS

We are praying and ask you to pray also. Please pray for those who are sick, isolated, living in fear and with high anxiety; those with medical issues, which put them at high risk; those making hard decisions; those who are serving on the front lines in the medical profession and first-responders; those who do not know Jesus and feel they are facing this on their own.

In our ongoing prayers:

- Al Finlaw
(friend of Richard King)
- Patrick Deopp
(friend of Darlene Freitag &
brother-in-law of Abby Freitag)
- Richard King
- Ronald Coombs
(friend of Ray Rodriguez
& Richard King)
- Jim Hurley
- Mel Bergmann
- William Fairer
(Bill Fairer's father)



- Beverly Pugh Corry
- Shannon Willis
- Bobby Greenberg
(Debbi BG husband)
- Unspoken Request
- Louis (Cancer)
- Louise Robertson
- Charles Pickard
(Bri Pampuch's Grandfather)
- Ben (Darlene Freitag's Dad)

In Care/Home bound:

- Bebe DeLussa

Those Who Mourn:

- The Hurley Family
- The Bickings Family

PRAYER REQUESTS

Those wishing to add or remove people or prayer concerns to or from the prayer list, please contact the church office (856) 455-0809. Please make sure you have permission to have their name published before doing so. Thank You!

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