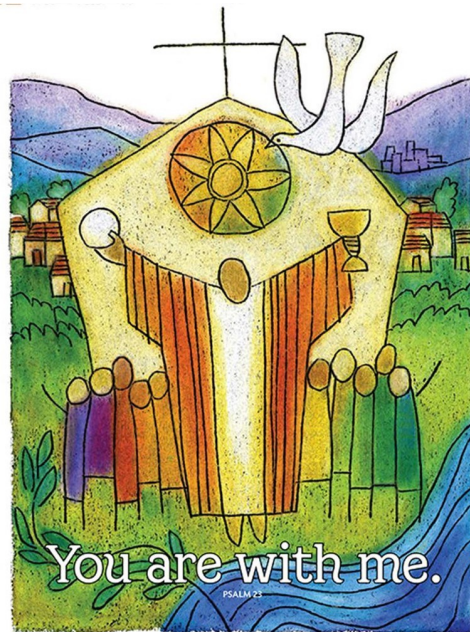


*FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*



16th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 17, 2023
10:00 A.M.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE 'Pastorale' Traditional arr. J.W. Clockey

WELCOME Liturgist

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

We observe this day as the Lord's Day,
giving thanks to God, Who gives justice to the
oppressed, who forgives us and redeems us,
and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.
Let us worship the One who is worthy of our praise!

***HYMN #288** 'I Sing the Mighty Power of God'

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Norlita Kaul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Norlita Kaul

**God our Judge, we admit we have double standards.
We seek forgiveness for ourselves, but fail to forgive
others. We seek relief for ourselves, but fail to seek relief for
others. We seek leniency for ourselves, but fail to show that
mercy to others. Forgive us, mighty God, and help us to for-
give, showing others the same grace and mercy that you
have generously shown to us. (*Silent Reflection*)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rev. Norlita Kaul

People of God, hear and believe: God does not deal with us ac-
cording to our sins, but according to God's own steadfast love for
us. **As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes
our sins from us. Thanks be to God!**

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now
and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

A TIME TO BE YOUNG

ANTHEM 'THIS IS AMAZING GRACE' Riddle, Wickham & Farro

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 50:15-21

Liturgist

GOSPEL READING

Matt. 18:21-35

Rev. Norlita Kaul

SERMON 'Forgiveness the Way' Rev. Norlita Kaul

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN #347** 'Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive'

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The risen Christ is the Savior of all people.
Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and com-
missioned to serve as God's reconciling community. Christ
is head of this community, the church, which began with the
apostles and continues through all generations. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Verse #3 L. Boëllman

***Doxology**

**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.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN #298 'There is Wideness in God's Mercy'**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

² So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door, and he was speaking the word to them. ³ Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. (Mark 2:2-3)

May we help carry each other in our hearts, minds and spirit with our prayers into our world.

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

POSTLUDE Variation on 'Foundation' D. Eliot

Serving:

LITURGIST- Caroline Owens

USHERS- Team 3 Marie Dunham, Joyce Ireland, &
Howard Thorn

COUNTERS - Team C - Yvonne Custis & Debbie Homan

FLOWERS- Howard Thorn



You Are Invited To A



FAREWELL

CELEBRATION

— Honoring the legacy of —

Bridgeton Christian School

Saturday, September 23, 2023

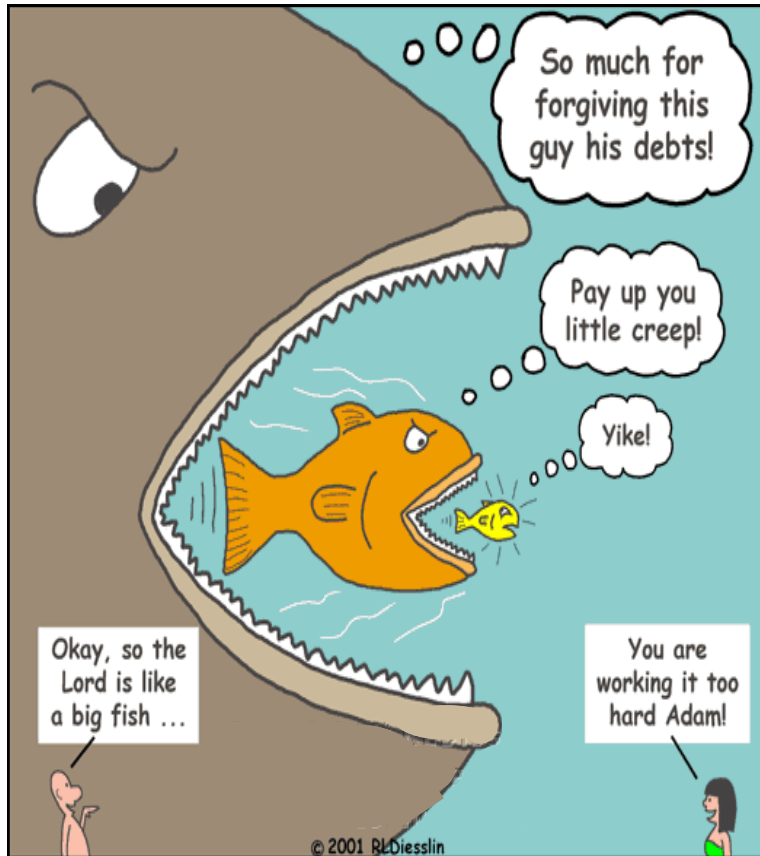
1:00- 4:00 pm, Program at 2:00 pm

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RSVP by 9/13

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"Forgive others,
not because they
deserve forgiveness,
but because
you deserve peace."
— Jonathan Lockwood Huie

|| Forgiveness
is a funny
thing.
It warms
the heart
and cools
the sting.
||

William Arthur Ward

Forgive quickly
Extend mercy
Give grace

Parable of the Unforgiving Servant - Matt 18:21-35
www.inspiritencourage.com

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Debbie Homan

Franz Pampuch

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