

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**September 25, 2022
10:00am**

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

*“Children of the Heavenly Father”
“More About Jesus Would I Know”
“‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”
“El Shaddai”
“He Leadeth Me”
“On Eagle’s Wings”
“Hymn of Promise”
“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION Peace & Global Witness Special Offering
The Rev. Bob Williams, Ret.

CHIMES

(The pouring of water invites us to remember and to celebrate our baptism into the body of Christ.)

PRELUDE *“With Trumpets and Horns”* (Handel)

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Please exchange these words with your immediate neighbors: “The peace of the Lord be with you.” “And also with you.”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 91:15

When they call to me, I will answer them, says the Lord.
I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue and honor them.
With thanksgiving and praise, let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN #840**

“When Peace like a River” (Bliss)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Eternal God, help us to measure our time, in faithful generosity, that your will be done, your kingdom come, for life everlasting, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

“Glory Be to the Father” (Greatorex)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sins, that grace might bridge, and we might cross, the great chasm between us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dressed in fine linen, we feast sumptuously every day, while others long to satisfy their hunger. We have Moses and the prophets, yet we remain unconvinced, waiting for some human warning. Forgive us. In your mercy, convince and comfort us, and lead us to righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through Christ we are Luke carried away by the angels, comforted by Father Abraham, our hunger—satisfied, our agony—cooled, and our sins—forgiven. Believe the good news.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of the Prophets, by the power of the Holy Spirit speak your Word to us, and seal it within us, that we may heed your call. **Amen.**

A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

1 Timothy 6:6–19

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospels if you are able)

*READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 16:19–31

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

*HYMN #729 “*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*” (African American Spiritual)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(From the Confession of St. Patrick, 5th Century)

There is no other God, and there never was another, nor will there be any after him except God the Father, without beginning. From him is all beginning. He upholds all things. And his Son Jesus Christ whom together with the Father we testify to have always existed. Before the beginning of the world, he was spiritually present with the Father. Begotten in an indescribable manner before all beginning. By him all things visible and invisible were made. He was made human and, having overcome death was received into heaven to the Father. And the Father has bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and God. In him we believe, and we await his coming who before long shall judge the living and dead. He will render to everyone according to his deeds, and has poured out abundantly on us the gift of the Holy Spirit, even the pledge of immortality, who makes those that believe and obey to be the sons of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ. Him we confess and adore—one God in the Trinity of the sacred name. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of the world. Let us give both the gifts we have been given and our truest selves with glad and generous hearts.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“*Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring*” (Bach)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

God who gives life to all things, and richly provides us with everything, use these, our offerings, to take hold of, and show us, the life that really is. Amen.

*OUR 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 and ever. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #443

“There Is a Redeemer” (Green)

(September Hymn of the Month)

*MOMENT OF SILENCE TO PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*Please stand if you are able where asterisks are printed.

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