

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

August 25, 2024, at 10:00am

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

*“O Jesus, I Have Promised”
“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”
“Lead On, O King Eternal”
“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”
“Hallelujah!”
“Wonderful Words of Life”
“Be Still, My Soul”
“Take Time to Be Holy”*

WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PRAYER REQUESTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Victory Through Faith” (Smith)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Micah 6:6, 8

With what shall we come before the Holy One
and bow ourselves before God on high?
God has shown us what is good.
What does the Holy One require of us,
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God?

***OPENING HYMN #366**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Pritchard)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Because God is near to the brokenhearted, let us consider how we have lived,
confessing our sins and trusting in God’s mercy to save.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

(In silent prayer, let us offer God our confession and our hope.)

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; be at peace for a new life has begun.

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

***HYMN #582** *“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”* (Vasile)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

Chorus: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end,
without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. (Chorus)

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

As God’s forgiven people, let us pass the peace to one another offering signs of welcome and acceptance of love.

REFLECTION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Lucy Tucker

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord Jesus Christ, as we hear the reading of Holy Scripture, speak to us your words of spirit and life. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 4:4-16

SECOND READING

James 4:10-14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Principles for Peace Pt. 2”

Pastor Terry Aiello

***HYMN #724**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised” (Mann)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

