

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

September 22, 2024, at 10:00am

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

“Blessed Assurance”

“Take, O Take Me as I Am”

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

“Be Thou My Vision”

“O How I Love Jesus”

“His Name Is Wonderful”

“Be Still and Know”

WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PRAYER REQUESTS

OPENING PRAYER

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“With Trumpets and Horns” (Handel)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Little children, the one who welcomes you is here in word and bread and wine.

Little children, young and old, all the baptized: welcome to the place of hope.

Little children, Jesus calls us all into the circle of his arms. Come.

Thanks be to God.

***OPENING HYMN #664**

“Morning Has Broken” (Gaelic Melody)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us give up boasting and dishonesty, turning to the Lord with our confessions, because the one who knows us through and through has promised to renew us.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, who makes known to us all truth, we confess that we are weighed down by our failings: envy distances us from other people; greed alerts us only to our own desires. Where we might bring reconciliation, we create conflicts. Where you call us to give, we take. Where your presence beckons, we resist. Deal with us not as we deserve, O God, but forgive us, cleanse us, and teach us your way. Amen.

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

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

The God who loves and sustains you hears your plea. The Lord desires for you a welcome into the blessed community of freedom and light. You are forgiven. Remember the poor and the outcast, welcome the child, and you will know, as well, your own welcome, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of all things, now and forever.

**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.

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Dietta Hitchcock

TRIO

“Ring the Bells of Heaven” (DeCesare)

Wayne Bevers, Bob Entrop, Zoa Stuntz)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

We pray for your great wisdom, O God, to come to your people and set us
free. Help us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church this day. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING

James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a

SECOND READING

Mark 9:30-37

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Reverend Dr. Kelly Pigott

*HYMN #738

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” (Smith)

*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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Like the child Jesus held, we live and move and have our being inside the circle of his arms. Let us open our hearts so that our tithes and offerings bring others, as well, into that circle.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” (Logan)

***DOXOLOGY #606**

Genevan Psalter

PASTORAL PRAYER / 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.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #838**

“Standing on the Promises” (Carter)
September Hymn of the Month

***BENEDICTION**

For those who make peace, a harvest of righteousness is sown. Be gentle, honest, and merciful with those you meet; ask for wisdom, and wisdom will fill you with joy. The God of all creation, who calls you to the power greater than death, the Spirit of kindness and abundant life, be with you now and always.

***POSTLUDE**

“Go to the World!”

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