

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

October 13, 2024, at 10:00am

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

*“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
“O Jesus, I Have Promised”
“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”
“I Need Thee Every Hour”
“Jesus Calls Us”
“I Believe”
“Open Our Eyes, Lord”*

WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (Wilson)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Amos 5:6, 14–15

Seek good and not evil; seek the Lord and live!

May the Lord our God be with us.

Seek good and not evil, that justice may prevail.

May the Lord our God show us grace.

***OPENING HYMN #475**

*“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
(Wyeth’s Repository of Sacred Music)*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

We have a great high priest who can sympathize with our weakness: Jesus, God’s Son, our Savior. Therefore, with confidence, let us confess our sin.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of justice and mercy, we confess that we put ourselves first and trust in things that will not last. We desire the evil and scorn the good; we gather up power and wealth and push aside the needy in our way. O Lord, be gracious to us in spite of our great sin. Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy. Help us to seek the treasure of heavenly life with you; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens: Jesus, God's Son, our Savior.

**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

Tuesday Lingle

DUET

"Hand Me Down My Silver Trumpet"
(Traditional Spiritual/Arr. Moses) Wayne Bevers and Bob Entrop

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reveal to us your Word, O God, living and active in our world by the power of your Holy Spirit. Let your Word pierce our hearts and open our minds, dividing good from evil, truth from falsehood, life from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

SECOND READING

Mark 10:17-31

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Reverend Dr. Kelly Pigott

***HYMN #435**

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” (Dutch Melody)

***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

As followers of Jesus, we are called to give ourselves for others, as Jesus has given himself for us. With gratitude for Christ’s grace, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (Parks)

***DOXOLOGY #606**

Genevan Psalter

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 #837** *“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”* (Showalter)
(October Hymn of the Month)

***BENEDICTION**

Jesus says: Come, follow me. Let us seek the Lord and live! May God, the first and the last, the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega, be with you now and forever. **Alleluia! Amen.**

***POSTLUDE #295**

“Go to the World!”

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