

Pultneyville Reformed Church

Worship Service

September 25, 2022 ❖ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing Our Hearts For Worship

Life Of The Congregation/Joys And Concerns

Our Approach to God

Votum

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord our God Creator of heaven and earth.

P: Amen.

Sentences -- *Psalm 146:1-8*

L: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

P: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

L: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

P: When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

L: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God.

P: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever.

L: Who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free.

P: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

Salutation -- *Romans 1:7b*

* Opening Hymn No. 507: "How Lovely Is Your Dwelling" (*Psalm 84*)

Prayer of Confession – *Church Leader's Guidebook*

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison -- *spoken*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon -- *Isaiah 54:8, 43:25, 44:22*

L: Believe this Gospel and go forth to live in peace.

P: Amen.

Summary of the Law -- *Matthew 22:37-40*

* Gloria Patri -- *sung*

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

Traditions

The Word of God in Proclamation

Prayer of Illumination

Lectionary Lessons:

Old Testament Lesson:

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson:

I Timothy 6:13-19

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Lesson:

Luke 16:19-31

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

* Hymn No. 399: "Bless the Lord, O Saints and Servants"

Sermon: "An Investment in Hope"

Prayer For Blessing

* Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come 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 life everlasting. Amen.

* The Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Our Response to God's Grace

Offering

* Doxology -- "Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow"

**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 – *Lancelot Andrewes, adapted*

Lord Jesus, we give you our hands to do your work. We give you our feet to go your way. We give you our eyes to see as you see. We give you our tongues to speak your words. We give you our minds that we may think your thoughts. We give you our spirit that you may pray through us. We give you our hearts that you may love through us. Above all, we give you our whole being that you may in your will minister through us, so that it is you Lord Jesus, who live and work and pray in us. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

* Closing Hymn No. 604: "To God Be the Glory"

Postlude

Response

L: And all God's people said:

P: Glory be to God, Amen and Amen.

* Benediction

Welcome to the Pultneyville Reformed Church
“A community of faith seeking to express, in all of life, the mind of Christ”

Everything you need to participate fully in worship is found in the bulletin. Please rise at the places indicated by an (*) if you are able.

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CONSISTORY

Elders

Amy Burdett (2023)
Alison DeMarree (2024)
Mark Lagoner (2023)
Carolyn Youngs (2024)

Deacons

Chip Bailey (2023)
Craig DeNagel (2023)
Chelsea Manahan (2024)
Donna Reuter (2024)

OUR MISSIONARIES

Nathan & Nozomi Brownell

Kenneth, Raymond, Luke

Japan

www.rca.org/brownell

Felipe & Janell de Waard-Silva

Luca, Sofia, Mila

Romania

www.rca.org/silva

OUR SUNDAY TO SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sunday – September 25th

10:00 Worship in the sanctuary

Thursday – September 29th

12:00 Caring Hands

Sunday – October 2nd

8:40 Choir rehearses

10:00 Worship in the sanctuary

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Eric Titus

Organist/Choir Director: Morgan Nikolov

Liturgist: Alison DeMarree

Elder: Alison DeMarree

Coffee Hosts: Jeanne and Ron Cole

Next Sunday, October 2nd we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The communion offering is designated for Family Promise of Wayne County which transforms the lives of families experiencing homelessness. Because every child deserves a home.

The Missions Committee reminds you that next Sunday, October 2nd they will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Come-Unity Center. The Center is in special need of canned fruit, soups, juices and pasta. You can place your donations in the baskets located in Shalom Lounge and Trinity Hall.

The Fall Adult Education Series will be six sessions beginning Sunday, October 9th starting around 11:15 (following service) in the Agape Room. Eric will continue with focusing in on the activity of the Protestant Church (Reformed and Lutheran) during the Weimar Republic of German (1919-1930), The period prior to the National Socialists seizure of power. He will focus especially on Karl Barth's (1886-1968) early theological responses to this alliance between the Church and a political party. The name of the course is: An Un-holy Alliance: Lessons the Church Should Learn.

Tea at 2 is an opportunity for Pastor Eric and Nancy to get to know each of you in the intimate setting of their parlor. Beginning on Sunday, October 9th and running through Sunday, November 6th they will entertain one couple, or one family, or two singles in their home at 2:00 p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board in Trinity Hall for a date that suits you best.

We will be starting our Thursday morning Bible study on October 13th at 9:30 a.m. in the Agape Room. We will be using the book "What do I owe?" Managing The Gifts God Gives You by Rolf Bouma. This is a 5-week study and will explore the biblical idea of stewardship and the profound way in which it shapes the Christian life. Our tendency is to think of stewardship primarily in financial terms--- "What do I owe? ----but money is only one of the gifts God gives us to manage. We'll also reflect on how we can use the gift of time, the gift of the creation itself, and the gift of God's grace in thankfulness to God. Books are available on the piano in the Agape Room for \$12.

Artisan Gate Theater's next free concert will be held this Wednesday, September 28th at 7:00 p.m. featuring Katrina DiCrasto, a composer, singer/songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist from Williamson. The Theater is located at 6191 Bennett Street, Williamson.

On Saturday, November 12th the Williamson fire hall will be all decked out with gently used clothes to give to the less fortunate in the community. The bible study group has been collecting items already and because of your generosity we have many things to give to people who need them. We will continue to collect new/and or gently used clothing for all ages, including boots, shoes, coats or anything else you might need or want to contribute. Bedding is also an item we find that people need and are so grateful for. Please place your items in Fellowship Hall. A big thanks in advance for all the ways you show the love of God in this project.

The deadline for the November issue of our newsletter, PRC Connections is Sunday, October 23rd. Please email your submissions to Editor Sara Scileppi to scileppi@aol.com.

Deacon's Note: The balance of the Operating Fund is -\$28,266.

About Our People

Ruth (Walvoord) Naylor will be 80 years old this Thursday, September 29th. Let's shower her with cards! Her address is Maplewood Nursing Home, 1 Daniel Drive, Room 120, Webster, NY 14580.