

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021

Eleven O'clock

Please allow the Choir to sing our hymns for us, to help limit the spread of disease.

WELCOME INTO GOD'S HOUSE (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Leader: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God now and forever. To this place where God gives us light and welcome, let us bring our cares and joys so that we may be cleansed and nourished.
Congregation: **Amen.**

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "Crusaders' Hymn (Fairest Lord Jesus)" arr. Richard Biggs

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;
proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.
For great is the Lord,
and greatly to be praised!

HYMN 14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)

Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, Almighty God, to rule and direct us according to your will, to comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, to defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth. Being steadfast in the faith, may we increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Mark Hayes
Soloist: Larry Ramsey

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

RESPONSIVE PSALM 146 (NRSV)
Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
Congregation: **I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**
Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
Congregation: **When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**
Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,
Congregation: **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith for ever;**
Leader: who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.
Congregation: **The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**
Leader: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.
Congregation: **The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**
Leader: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Congregation: **Praise the LORD!**

READINGS FROM THE GOSPELS Galatians 5:13-15 (NRSV)
Acts 16:16-40 (The Message)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 630 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

SERMON *Choices* The Rev. Valerie Hicks

*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" Bach, arr. Myra Hess

Offerings for God's work through Paw Creek Church are gratefully received in the baskets by the entrance and exits to the sanctuary, or by mail to the church office.

DOXOLOGY "Old Hundredth" *sung by the choir*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Leader: Blessed are you, God of all creation.
Congregation: **Through your goodness we have good gifts to share.**
Leader: Accept and use our offerings for your glory.
Congregation: **And for the service of your kingdom.**
All: **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Beginning with Joys and Concerns, and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer, in unison*

HYMN 824 "There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Carillon" Louis Vierne

GUEST PREACHER
This morning we are pleased to welcome The Rev. Valerie Hicks to the pulpit. Rev. Valerie Hicks just moved to Davidson, NC after serving the last four years as pastor of Stephenson Presbyterian in Monroe, NC. Prior to Stephenson she was the Associate Pastor at Steele Creek Presbyterian Church. Valerie married Bill Weatherington this past April and they are in the process of blending families and households. She enjoys bicycling, water skiing, camping and traveling.

UPCOMING SERMON TITLES & SCRIPTURES
Sunday, October 31
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Guest Preacher - Rev. Betsy Williamson