

First Presbyterian Church
Organized May 25, 1822

*With Christ as our Savior and Guide,
We seek to know God's love and share it
With each other, our community, and the world.
We invite you to join us in this journey
of discipleship!*

*Rev. Dr. Gregory L. Glover, Pastor
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 9, 2020*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "We All Believe in One God: Chorale"
by Marcel Dupré

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, come to the waters.
We gather to be restored and renewed.
Come, with your faith and your doubt.
We respond to the one who claims and calls us.
Come, Christ summons us to draw near.
Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving!

*HYMN #694 "Great God of Every Blessing"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we long to draw close to you, but we are afraid.
We are afraid to heed your summons for we do not
know what awaits us when we step out in faith. We are
wary of taking risks for your sake because the forces of
chaos seem stronger than your assurances to us. We
worry that we will not have enough faith in you or in the
gifts you've given us to do the things you ask. Forgive
us Lord, and save us. Reach out your hand, and lift us

from our fear that we might follow you faithfully.
Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Romans 9:1-16 (p. 920)

SPECIAL MUSIC "Change My Heart, O God"
by Eddie Espinosa

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 11:11-24 (p. 921)

RESPONSE

SERMON "What About Them...?"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #175 "Seek Ye First"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Confession of 1967 (9.32-33)*

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of
Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church in the common life of
all people.
His service to men and women commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive
to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.
His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on
the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the**

**awful consequences of the church's own complicity in
injustice.**

**In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his
coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal
of human life in society and of God's victory over all
wrong.**

**The church follows this pattern in the form of its life
and in the method of its action. So to live and serve
is to confess Christ as Lord.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "Chorale Prelude on the Tune Archdale"
by Quinto Maganini

*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #432 "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "We All Believe in One God: Fugue"
by Marcel Dupré

WORSHIP NOTES

Danny & Janie McGregor are today's liturgists.
Liz Van Otten is leading today's Children's Moment
Hannah Cruse is Director of Music.
Douglas Ferguson is today's Audio-Visual Specialist.
***Please stand if you are able.**

