

Order of Worship
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 18, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

Gathering Music *Hymn Melody* arr. Adam O'Boyle

Welcome

Prelude *Abide With Me* Eventide

Call to Worship (Responsive)

In the beginning: before time, before people, before the world began,
God was.

Here and now: among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,

God is.

In the future: when we have turned to dust, and all we know has found its fulfillment,

God will be.

Not denying the world, but delighting in it; not condemning the world, but redeeming it; through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

God was, God is, God will be. Let us worship God!

Hymn 23 *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* Pleading Savior

Call to Prayer

Prayer for Forgiveness (Unison)

First of all, Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters – work, wealth, power, addictions - yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor, and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.

Forgive us, and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.

(Silent time for your reflection and personal confessions)

Assurance of God's Grace

Word and Wonder - A Time for Children

Scripture Lesson Luke 16:1-13

Sermon Ace in the Hole Rev. Christie Ashton

Hymn 773 *Heaven Shall Not Wait* Heaven Shall Not Wait

***Affirmation of Faith** (Unison) Philippians 2:5-11

We believe in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

As we pray together the prayer Christ taught us ...

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.

Hymn 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM Ronda

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* G.F. Handel

Worship Leader This Sunday: Susan Terry
Worship Leader for September 25: Brenda Brazier

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The Elder on Call for September is Bill Ashton. He may be contacted at any time for information, in case of emergency, or with any concerns at 256-808-7911.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOPE

Backpack Blessings Ministry: Hope Presbyterian Church sponsors children at Weatherly Elementary School that are on free or reduced lunch with food bags containing meal items and snacks for the weekend when they might not otherwise have something to eat. Hope is sponsoring 75 bags per week this year and, with the pandemic, we have not collected food since March of 2020, so we need to stock up on everything. A huge "Thank You" to those who have supported this program in the past. We hope you will continue to do so. On the table in the lobby and posted on our website you will find a list of food items you can take with you to shop. Donations can be brought on Sundays or during office hours throughout the week. Thank you again for your continued support!

Senior Seminar: Join Thrive Senior Living at Jones farm and the Area Agency on Aging for a discussion on **Targeting the Elderly: Fraud Awareness and Prevention** with special guest speakers Teresa Hazard, SHIP Coordinator, and LaTanya Rhines, Elder Law Attorney. Learn about common fraudulent activities and scams that exploit seniors and practical tips on avoiding and detecting them. In addition, there will be specialists available to provide Medicare Insurance Counseling. Seminar is Thursday, September 22 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Thrive Jones Farm. Please RSVP by September 19 to Rachael.Creech@ThriveAtJones.com or 256.429.3008.

Lay Leader Schedule: The new Lay Leader schedule is on the bulletin board in the Lobby hallway. If you need to swap weeks with someone else on the list, please contact the church office and let Susan know so that the correct person gets the Lay Leader information for that week.