

Peace Presbyterian Church

September 25, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.; 16th Sunday After Pentecost

Join us in person in our sanctuary or online via Zoom!

Here's how to join the Zoom call, starting at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday:

Option #1--Go to this web address <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83806982875>

Option #2--Call into the meeting on any telephone line Dial 1-646-558-8656.

When prompted, enter the meeting ID which is **838 0698 2875** and then hit the # key.

Pause for a moment and when the voice asks for your participant number, hit just the # key to join. (you do not need any additional numbers)

Weekly Group Prayer Opportunities!

Prayer Group: Tuesdays at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Midday Prayer Service: Wednesdays at Noon, in the Sanctuary or Online via Zoom
Meeting ID is 980 5593 4305

Pastor Becky has resumed her office hours on Thursdays at Panera on Ramsey Street from 9:00-10:30 am. Drop in as you are able on these Thursday mornings: 9/29 and 10/6.

If you need a shoebox for Samaritan's Purse, shoeboxes are in the hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall.

Fireside Worship on 9/28 at 6:00 pm around the fire pit.

Praise Ensemble Rehearsal – DATE CHANGE

On **Tuesday, October 4**, everyone is invited to join us for these rehearsals:

5:30-6:15: Handbell Revival. All interested handbell players should come as we try to figure out how we will play a song together on Homecoming Sunday.

6:30-7:30: Choral and Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal. Bring your voices or your instruments and join us as we start working on songs to share in October.

Peace Rummage Sale, October 1st, 7am-1pm in the Fellowship Hall

Peace is selling most of its pre-school inventory. Church and commercial pre-school/daycare providers, and other interested groups, are invited to browse and buy from a wide variety of toys, books, visual media, children's clothes, and furniture. Cash or local checks only please.

Fellowship Committee meeting Sunday, 10/9, following worship

Something New: Or is it Already in Us? Would you like to help people feel warm and welcome when they visit Peace? If so, please join us for an organizational meeting of a brand-new Discipleship Committee at Peace. It's all about being the disciples God wants us to be—to share Christ's message of love and salvation with those we meet in God's House and the community. If this is something you'd like to learn more about, please join Pastor Becky and Bill Chater for supper in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 26th, at 6 pm.

Sunday, September 18: Attendance: 39 total (27 in person, 12 on zoom)

Offering for September 18: \$470.00

Total Offering for September: \$5,615.44

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Becky Durham

PRELUDE

Monica Autry

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

ONE: Joy comes to those who hope in God.

ALL: For the Lord is a Keeper of promises.

ONE: Our God is a God of healing and help and hope!

ALL: The Lord will reign forever,

ONE: Our God will keep faith with all generations.

ALL: Let us praise the Lord both now and forevermore!

*OPENING HYMN *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Monica Autry

Blue Hymnal #288; all verses

*I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command,
And all the stars obey.*

*There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempest blow,
By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be,
Thou, God, art present there.*

*I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word
And then pronounced them good
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the skies!*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Becky Durham

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We need to confess, God of Abraham and Lazarus, how often we are not content with the simple gifts and lives you offer. Tempted by everything, we can become insensitive to those who have nothing. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we may miss the chance to gather your goodness and mercy. Chasing after all which has no value, we may not have the energy to pursue the faith, the love, the gentleness you have for us.

(silent reflection and confession.)

Forgive us, God of Reversals. You have sent the One who speaks the words we need to listen to in order to have life. Remind us that you have redeemed us, and lead us to confess, again and again, that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, now and forever.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Becky Durham

ONE: This is the good news that comes from God:

I will hear your prayers,

I will answer with hope and peace,

I will deliver you from your sins.

ALL: God has covered us with grace. Under God's hope, we will find shelter and forgiveness. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Monica Autry

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be! World without end, Amen, Amen!

GOSPEL READING Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham.^[a] The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.^[b] ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Pastor: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON “In This Family We...Live with Gratitude” Rev. Becky Durham

1. We give thanks for the gifts of God
2. We give thanks for the endurance of the Spirit
3. We give thanks for the reigning power of Jesus Christ

SONG OF RESPONSE

Words and Music by Adam Browne

*A faithful mask with worldly gain
A lust for things we can't retain
Lord, give me what I cannot lose
Content in You*

*No wealth nor pride, possessions, no.
That's how I came, and how I'll go.
Lord, be my all, my comfort too,
Content in You*

Chorus:

***Lord, help me run for my life
From every hollow delight
From any trap the world pulls me into
Set me a table to eat
And give me shoes on my feet
That I might run for my life back to you***

*To persevere, with patient grace
For righteousness, for love and faith
Lord, let these be what I pursue
Content in You* **Chorus**

Contentment

Nancy Miller

*I'm running a race, but I'm never alone.
And you give me the grace, and the faith to let go
Of the way of the world and the weight of stone
Of the sin that I do and the good that I don't.*

*So I'm casting it off, and I'm holding to hope
In contentment today and the kingdom to come.
See, I wanted a house, but you gave me a home
With a song and a robe and view of the throne!*

*Lord, help me run for my life
From every hollow delight
From any trap the world pulls me into
Set me a table to eat
And give me shoes on my feet
And I will run for the life found in You*

*My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame.
But wholly lean on Jesus' name*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith, Book of Confessions)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***INVITATION TO RESPOND WITH GENEROSITY**

Rev. Becky Durham

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Becky Durham

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Becky Durham

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Becky Durham

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Becky Durham

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 glory forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

Be Thou My Vision

Monica Autry

Blue Hymnal #339; all verses

*Be Thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me,
save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my light.*

*Riches I heed not,
nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine in heritage,
now and always:
Thou and Thou only,
first in my heart,
Great God of heaven,
my treasure Thou art.*

*Be Thou my wisdom,
and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee
and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall
Still be my vision,
O Ruler of all.*

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Rev. Becky Durham

***POSTLUDE**

Monica Autry

***Congregation Standing**