

Peace Presbyterian Church

September 4, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.; 13th 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 a.m. 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 resumed her office hours on Thursday, August 25 at Panera on Ramsey Street from 9:00-10:30 am. Drop in as you are able on these Thursday mornings: 9/1; 9/8; 9/22; 9/29 and 10/6.

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

Next week, September 11, will be our Ecclesiastes Finale! We'll read the epilogue of the book and you are invited to share your own reflections on Qohelet's words throughout this work of Wisdom Literature. If you would like, prepare your thoughts (1-2 minutes) about Ecclesiastes. Maybe it was something you were surprised to read, something you've been thinking about, or something you learned about yourself or life. Anything this book impressed upon you; you are invited to share during a special time in the service.

We will also celebrate Dedra Culbreth's last regular Sunday on that day, so come ready to sing and offer gratitude to God for her ministry among us.

Sunday, August 28 Attendance: 37 total (24 in person, 13 on zoom)

Offering for August 28: \$1,400.00

Total Offering for August: \$8,582.76

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Becky Durham

PRELUDE

Richard Butler

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

ONE: Come, let us delight in the law of the Lord.

ALL: Our joy is found in the love of God and neighbor.

One: Come, let us be nourished by the Living Water.

ALL: Together, we will worship the One who refreshes our souls.

*OPENING HYMN *“God of Our Life”*

Richard Butler

Presbyterian Blue Hymnal #275 all verses

*God of our life, through all the circling years,
We trust in Thee; In all the past,
Through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
We own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.*

*God of the past, our times are in Thy hand;
With us abide. Lead us by faith to hope’s true promised land;
Be Thou our guide. With Thee to bless,
The darkness shines as light,
And faith’s fair vision changes into sight.*

*God of the coming years, through paths unknown
We follow thee; When we are strong,
Lord, leave us not alone; Our refuge be.
Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
Our heart’s true home when all our years have sped.*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Becky Durham

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Searching God, we are so attached to our possessions, we have trouble sharing them. We are so connected to our pleasures that we neglect to recognize the pain felt in the world you made. We are so stuck on ourselves; we cannot see the ones you love who surround us every day.

(silent reflection and confession.)

Most merciful God: loosen us from the grip of the world, so we may feel your healing touch. Sever us from our sin, so your Spirit might bind us to you.

Reshape us, redeem us, renew us, so we may take up our crosses and follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Becky Durham

ONE: The God who calls us is the God who created us; the God who formed us is the God who forgives us. This is the Good News—we are God’s new creation!

ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Richard Butler

*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!*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Becky Durham

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:8 Rev. Becky Durham

⁷ Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun. ⁸ Even those who live many years should rejoice in them all, yet let them remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity. ⁹ Rejoice, young man, while you are young, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Follow the inclination of your heart and the desire of your eyes, but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

¹⁰ Banish anxiety from your mind, and put away pain from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

¹² Remember your creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years draw near when you will say, "I have no pleasure in them"; ² before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return with the rain; ³ in the day when the guards of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the women who grind cease working because they are few, and those who look through the windows see dimly; ⁴ when the doors on the street are shut, and the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low; ⁵ when one is afraid of heights, and terrors are in the road; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and the caper bud falls; because all must go to their eternal home, and the mourners will go about the streets; ⁶ before the silver cord is snapped, and the golden bowl is broken, and the pitcher is broken at the fountain, and the wheel broken at the cistern, ⁷ and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the breath returns to God who gave it. ⁸ Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher; all is vanity.

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

People: Thanks be to God

1. Remember to live with joy—it’s never too late.
2. Remember your Creator—it’s never too early.
3. Remember you are remembered by God—from life to life.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed)**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE**“Communion Song”****Nancy Miller**

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Let’s have a meal

Let me reveal who I am

I’m your Savior I will kneel down

and wash all the sin from your soul

I’m your servant

I am all you need

I’m the lamb that was slain

and my blood washes you clean

I’m the pure sacrifice

Let my life give you life

I’m the lamb

I am the bread

Given for everyone

I sustain you

Drink from the cup

It is my blood shed for all

I’m redemption

I am all you need

I am everything

We cry worthy! We cry worthy!

We cry worthy Is the lamb of God

You’re the lamb that was slain

And your blood washes us clean

You’re the pure sacrifice

Let your life give us life

You’re the lamb

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Liturgy adapted from the work of Thom Shuman, lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ONE: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts!

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ONE: With joy we praise you, Creating God. You stooped down and took the clay lying on earth's floor, shaping us in your image. But we wondered what it would be like to follow our own paths and detached ourselves from your side. We counted the cost of being your children, and found it to be too much for us. We pondered your words and found them useless for our lives. But you did not take your hands from us, but continue to recreate us, to reshape us, to redeem us. Giver of breath, shaper of words, all the living find voice to praise you, as we celebrate with your people of every time and place, singing to your glory:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

ONE: Holy are you, Redeeming God, and blessed is Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Traveling with us, he points out the paths we are to walk. When he could command us to do whatever he wants, he appeals to us to follow his example.

Whatever wrong we have done, whatever good we have failed to do, Christ charges them to his account, that we might be counted as your beloved children.

So, as we come to the Table of grace and hope, we remember that mystery we call faith:

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Spirit of the Living God, renew us with this bread and this cup which have been set aside for sacred us, even as you refresh our hearts.

Fill us with all the goodness of the kingdom, that we may do good for Christ as we serve others: in the ways in which we treat our families;

in our willingness to draw the outcast to our side;

in our efforts to be your healing hands to the sick and grieving.

Then, here at the Table and beyond; here in this moment, and through eternity: remind us that we are always with you, God of all places and times, Christ of those who suffer, Spirit of justice and hope: Amen.

COMMUNION IS SHARED

(Pastor Becky will invite us all, in person and online, to take communion together.)

***INVITATION TO RESPOND WITH GENEROSITY**

Rev. Becky Durham

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Becky Durham

***CLOSING HYMN “Lift High the Cross”**

Blue Hymnal #371 all verses

Richard Butler

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

Till all the world adore His sacred name

*Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ the Son of God. (Refrain)*

*Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. (Refrain)*

*O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)*

*So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Becky Durham

***POSTLUDE**

Richard Butler

***Congregation Standing**