

# Welcome To Worship

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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## **PRELUDE MUSIC**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

In times of busyness and stress when we feel surrounded by challenges on all sides...

**We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.**

In times of joy and rest when we feel the goodness of God's provision and abundance deep in our bones...

**We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.**

In times of conflict and distress when we feel just how hard it is to live in unity together...

**We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.**

Disciples of Christ, come, let us worship God who empowers us to press on...

**As we learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel**

## **OPENING HYMN**

**#267**

*"Come Christians Join to Sing"*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We continue to believe that we must earn our way into God's heart.  
But God's grace is given to each of us, for all of us,  
freely, unconditionally, always.  
Let us open our lives to this mercy as we pray, saying,

**It seems we cannot decide, Cloud of Glory.  
We say we will live to serve others,  
but end up meeting only our needs.  
We claim to live in a way that honors Christ,  
but we do not take him to work, school, home.  
We believe that the gospel can transform lives,  
(at least, for those who need it - not us).  
Forgive us, Presence of Peace.  
Instead of grumblers,  
may we be ambassadors of grace.  
Instead of continual complaining,  
may we carry compassion to the hurting.  
Instead of whiners,  
may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,  
to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet.**

*Silence for individual confession*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

This is the good news: there is no ranking in God's kingdom.  
God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration, new life.

**God has kept the covenant.  
We have been forgiven, we have been made new people.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## RESPONSE HYMN

#48

*“Rain Down” 2X*

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

As we joyfully celebrate the presence of God in our midst, let us joyfully greet our neighbors in whom God dwells.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

Reading #1.....Exodus 16: 2-15

Reading #2.....Philippians 1: 21-30

Gospel Reading.....Matthew 20: 1-16

## MESSAGE

*Trey Everett*

*moment for silent reflection*

## HYMN OF REFLECTION

#749

*“Come Live in the Light”*

## PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## LORD’S PRAYER *(forgive us our “sins”)*

## BLESSING AND CHARGE

Lead a life worthy of your calling, giving glory to God in all things. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

#547

*“Go My Children With My Blessing”*

## BENEDICTION

As you go from this place, may God bless you with wisdom, courage, and perseverance to live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ as you work, rest, play, and strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel. Amen.

**POSTLUDE** *(Please stay seated and enjoy the music from our talented musicians)*

## Special Announcements

Pastor Vern from Trinity is starting a weekly bible study  
"Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times" every  
Wednesday at 11am at Trinity starting Oct 1<sup>st</sup> - November 4<sup>th</sup>

No sign up necessary and all are welcome.

† Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> @ 11am - "Facing Our Fears"

Numbers 13:25-33; 14:7-9 - Intro into Praying the Scriptures

† Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> - "Needing a Security System" Psalm 27

† Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> - "The Inescapable God" Psalm 139

† Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> - "Anxiety and Physical Health"

Psalm 146:1-2; Philippians 1:12-13; Matthew 6:27-34

† Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> - "Is the End of the World Coming"

Revelation 21:1-7

† Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> - "Living with Fear, Yet Unafraid"

Daniel 3:19-30; Psalm 90:1-6

# September 20<sup>th</sup> – September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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## Sunday – September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

10:45 am ~ Worship @ First Presbyterian

Message.....Trey Everett  
Ushers & Greeters.....Bill & Gloria Watro  
Pianist.....George French  
Music Director.....Sandy Perkins  
Reader.....Sandy Perkins

## Wednesday – September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

6:00pm ~ Bell Choir

## Sunday – September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026

10:45 am ~ Worship @ First Presbyterian

11:45am ~ Session Following Worship

Message.....Trey Everett  
Ushers & Greeters.....Ralph Pester & Sandy Perkins  
Pianist.....George French  
Music Director.....Sandy Perkins  
Reader.....Marsha Odom

## We are there...to share our table, to share loving kindness.

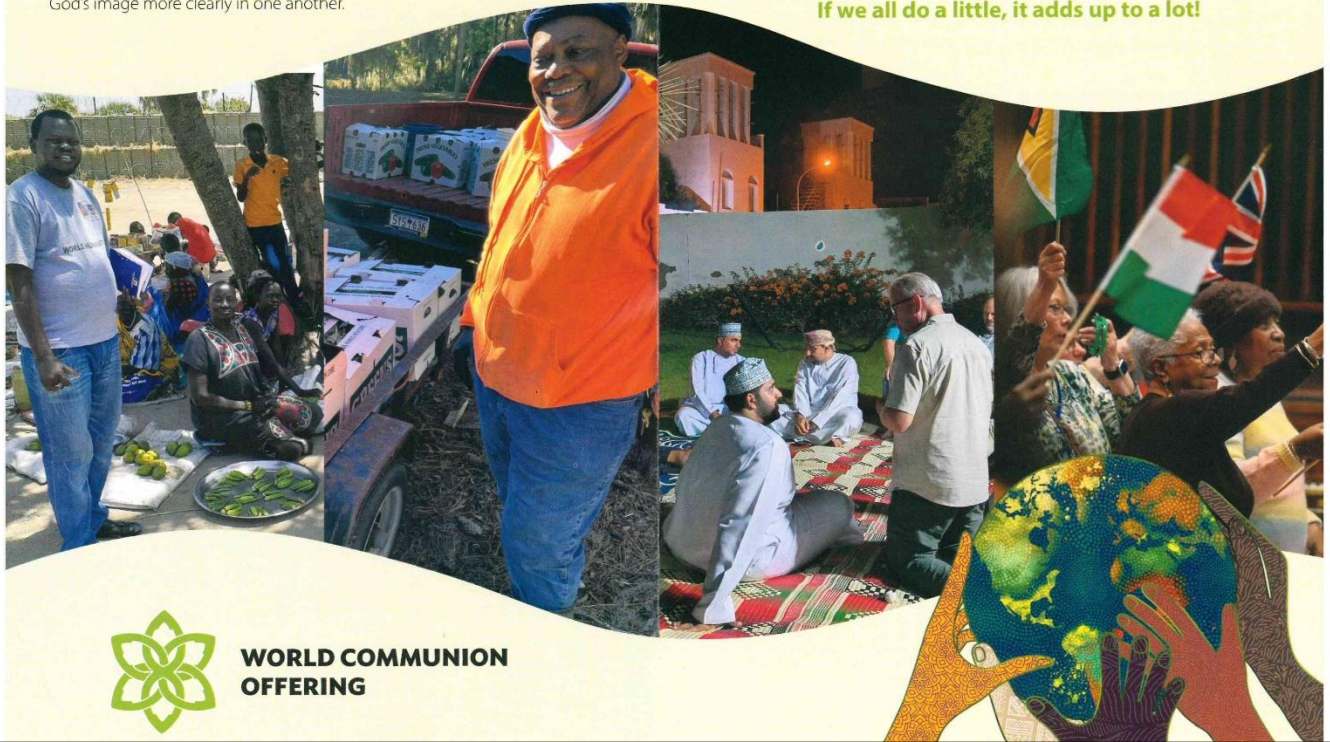
We join siblings in Christ across the globe in God's mission of welcome, justice and hope. We step beyond the boundaries of our neighborhood and into the life of the worldwide Church, learning to see God's image more clearly in one another.

In a world that often feels divided, this Offering helps us remember that we belong to one another, even to people we may never meet.

With our gifts, we witness this truth and celebrate what it means to belong to a global, connected Church shaped by God's endless love in Jesus Christ.

**Thank you for your participation in the World Communion Offering.**

**If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!**



**WORLD COMMUNION  
OFFERING**

What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice,

# ...to love kindness

and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8



*Lord, we thank you for the gift of  
this global table where all are  
welcome, and none are strangers.  
As we eat this bread and drink this  
cup, we pray that you would make  
us one in you, regardless of our  
languages, cultures or circumstances.  
Amen.*



**SEPTEMBER**

*Birthdays*

*September 10<sup>th</sup> ~*

*Marley Melbye*

*September 12<sup>th</sup> ~*

*Glen Finkenbinder  
and Dennis Koch*

*September 27<sup>th</sup> ~*

*Rose Koch*

*September 29<sup>th</sup> ~*

*Ana Koch*

