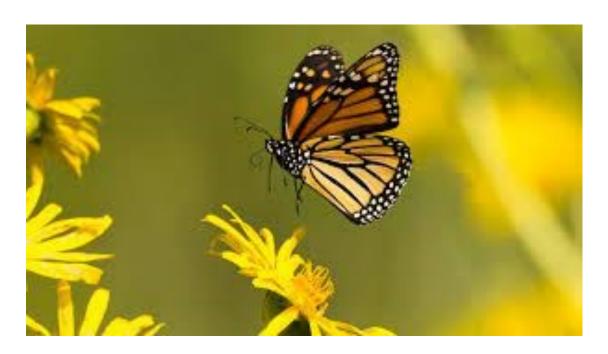


Shine God's Light

As disciples of Christ, we share and rejoice in the warmth of God's love and light by teaching the holy word, serving Christ's community, and growing together in faith.



September 24, 2023 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Service for the Lord's Day

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September 24, 2023 9:30 am

Prelude Prelude and Fugue in E Minor Nicolaus Bruhns
Choral Prelude on a Gibbons Melody Healey Willan

Call to Worship

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; for God's steadfast love endures for-

ever.

All: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

One: those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,

All: from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

One: Let those who are wise give heed to these things

All: and consider the steadfast love of the Lord. Let us worship God!

*Hymn God of Grace and God of Glory No. 307

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we grumble and complain against your goodness as the Israelites did in the desert, as the elder brother did to his father, as the workers in the field did to the landowner. We judge and weigh your gifts according to our standards. We often question your fairness instead of receiving your grace with thanksgiving and joy. Help us to see your world through your eyes and with your spirit of generosity and grace, that we may welcome the chance to serve in your kingdom and all who join with us. Forgive us, Lord, in your grace and mercy through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: The Lord is good to all and his compassion is over all that he has made. For by

grace, you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing.

All: It is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission

Peace and Global Witness Offering

Tanya Cleary

Time with Children

Children's offering will be collected as they come forward for the message.

After the message, children and youth may depart for Sunday School or return to their pew.

Prayer for Illumination

Kay Hoge

First Reading

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 (pg.484)

Anthem

Come, Peace of God

Mark L. Williams

Come, Peace of God, and dwell again on earth. Come with the calm that hailed the Savior's birth. Come with the healing of your gentle touch. Come, Peace of God, that this world needs so much. Break every weapon forged in fires of hate. Turn back the foes that would assail your gate: where fields of strife lie desolate and bare, take your sweet flowers of peace and plant them there. Bring selfish lives from shadowlands of loss, into the radiance of the Savior's cross. Where in that gift so precious, yet so lone, life finds its unity and love its throne. Come! Blessed peace as when in hush of eve, God's benediction falls on souls who grieve: as shines a star when weary day departs. Come! Peace of God and rule within our hearts.

For Helen Stafford in recognition of her 80th birthday on October 1, 2023 and 50 years of continuous service to the Chancel Choir of Flemington Presbyterian Church, Flemington, NJ — 1965 -2015

Epistle Reading

Philippians 1: 21—30 (pg. 953)

Sermon

Stand Firm in One Spirit Rev. Amy Lincoln

*Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

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. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Offering

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We invite you to consider giving out of gratitude to God after worship today either by placing your offering in the wooden box hanging on the wall at each exit, scanning the QR code in your pew and/or giving online through the church website at www.flemingtonpres.org, or mailing a check to the church office at 10 East Main Street, Flemington, NJ 08822. We give thanks for your generosity, allowing our mission and ministry together to continue.

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Gracious God, we know that every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from you. We thank you for your many blessings, especially your perfect gift of your Son Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift! Help us to receive your gifts and grace with thanksgiving and humility and to use them faithfully in and for your kingdom. Amen.

*Doxology No. 607

Praise God from whom all blessings flow: praise Christ all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn Spirit of the Living God

No. 288

*Charge and Benediction

Response Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing Mark L. Williams Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and love. May we feel your peace within us, as you guide us from above. Lord, Creator, our Sustainer, bless us with your peace and love.

Postlude God of Grace Paul Manz

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