

# 20th Sunday After Pentecost

October 22, 2023

# Park Hill Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

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#### **WORSHIP NOTES**

Reformed and follows

centuries of tradition.

These are some brief

explanations of the

Worship.

Welcome & Announcements

Wendell Phillips

Welcome from the Pastor Order of Worship

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

Wendell Phillips

What does this worship service need? Our order of worship is

Peacefulness where faith can grow, songs that blossom hope, scripture that remembers love, honest words to untangle our complicated existence, gifts offering service of the heart.

Who is this worship for?

God alone.

Who shall participate in this worship service?

All who have prayer in the center of their lives, and all who are lonely for the touch of God.

Then let us worship the Lord together.

Call to Worship

various parts of Reformed

The "call" expresses God's invitation to gather as Christ's body in this place.

**Song of Praise** 

Together we express vocally our praise and thanksgiving to the God of Glory.

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\*Opening Prayer (Unison)

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Holy God, you have made us in your image, and we belong to you alone. Therefore we offer ourselves to you, in service, love, and praise. Use us for the glory of your realm and the good of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Opening Song of Praise

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"I Sing The Mighty Power of God"

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the sinful state of the world and of our lives, confessing our unworthiness to enter into God's presence. Nevertheless we approach God with confidence, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ. This is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed tradition.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

A declaration of forgiveness proclaims the good news of God's mercy and offers the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name. Hearing the words of assurance spoken from the font connects our confession with the grace and cleansing of Baptism, and God's call to a new way of life in Christ.

#### Gloria Patri

"Glory to the Father!"

This is our response of praise for being forgiven.

#### **Passing the Peace**

Our sharing the peace with one another is a sign of reconciliation in Christ.

# Prayer for Illumination

A prayer for illumination calls on the Holy Spirit to empower our reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God's Word.

Call To Confession

Wendell Phillips

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

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What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to the empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Now hear us as we silently confess the sins we would rather not say out loud...

Assurance of Pardon Rev. Carl McCormack Friends, proclaim with me the glorious news of the

gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri

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\*Passing the "Peace of Christ"

Prayer for Illumination (Unison) Wendell Phillips

Holy One, true and living God, through the message of the gospel and the power of your Spirit make us imitators of the Lord, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

First Scripture Reading Psalm 96:1-9 Wendell Phillips

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, bless his name;

tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

he is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols,

but the LORD made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before him;

strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

### Scripture & Sermon

The Scriptures bear witness to the Word of God, revealed most fully in Jesus Christ, the Word of God, who "...became flesh and lived among us..." The role of the worshiper is to listen prayerfully, actively, and attentively to the Word that is read and proclaimed.

bring an offering, and come into his courts. Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

Second Scripture Reading Exodus 33:12-23 Rev. Carl Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:15-22 Rev. McCormack Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

Responding to the Word proclaimed, we affirm *our* faith in the holy, triune God.

are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

Sermon "Whose Head Is This" Rev. Carl McCormack

\*Affirmation of Faith (From the Confession of 1967)

Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

\*Song of Affirmation #438 Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is

# Offering & Doxology

Christian life is an offering of one's self to God. As those who have been claimed and set free by his grace, we respond with gratitude, offering him our lives, our spiritual gifts, and our material goods, followed with a song of

# **Charge & Benediction**

We are blessed in order to be a blessing to others. The charge calls the church to go forth as agents of God's mission in the world. 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.

Stewardship Moment

Offering/Offertory

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Closing Song of Dedication

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"My Hope Is Build On Nothing Else"

Charge & Benediction

Prelude

Assisting in Worship:
Pastor Carl McCormick
Wendell Phillips, as Liturgist
Cindy Witherspoon-Allen, as Greeter
Kaye & Bill Lowe, Ushers
Jo Murry, as Pianist

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#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost—October 22, 2023

9:45am—Pastor Carl—the Bible in 90 Days—Parlor 11am—Worship Service—Pastor Carl McCormack 1:30pm—Christian Education Meeting

## Monday, October 23, 2023

10:30am—Monday Morning Prayer Group—Conference Room 6:30pm—AR Scottish Dance Society

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 10am Book Club 6pm 50 Plus

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 4:30—Handbell Choir

Thursday, October 26, 2020

## Friday, October 27, 2023

10:45am—FFF (Faithful, Fun, Foodies)—Church to carpool to the Red Door Restaurant 7pm AR Country Dance Society

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost—October 29, 2023
Reformation Sunday—Celebrating All Saints Day
9:45am—Pastor Carl—the Bible in 90 Days—Parlor
11am—Worship Service—Pastor Carl McCormack

#### PRAYER NOTES—

**Recent:** Debbie & Howdy Frisby, Rochelle Greenwood, Ann McCollum, Jack McCollum, Diana McCray, Grady Nixon, Elizabeth Pollard, LaVonne Smith

Continued Prayers: Patt Bond, Pat Clark, Donna Ellis, Bill Jones, Ginny Jones, Jesse Macom-Teague, Wendell Phillips,

**Prayers For Friends Of The Church:** Air Force SMSGT Scott Burris (Phil & Liz Terrell's son), while he is deployed to Kuwait for 6 months), Dana Chadwick, Lynn Chadwick, Charles Clark, Darnell Clark, Jeff Connor, Susan Gibbes; Constance Hughes, Travis Kasper, Terri McMaster, Evie Mickle, Barbara Monroe, Tom Murry, Stephanie Phillips, Jennifer Willen,

**Prayers For Those In Home Confinement:** John Atterbury, Ann Cother, Bunn Falls (Johnson County Health & Rehab), Clarksville, Steve Pollard (AR State VA Home), David Rennie, Ann Woods.

**Prayers For Those In Grief**: For those who are still mourning the loss of a loved one.

\*Please contact the church office if you need someone placed on or taken off the prayer notes. Thank you.