

Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost
Theme: The Final Benediction

Sunday, September 29, 2024



“...but no human can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.”
James 3:8

GATHERING

Prelude: “It Is Well With My Soul” Robert Lau

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Come into this sacred space to worship God

People: whose teaching is perfect; whose directions are sure.

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People: whose standards are right; whose commandment is clear; whose judgments are true

Leader: Come with holy fear – to be given life and made wise, to have your heart stirred and your eyes opened wide. Come – let us worship God.

People: Let the words of our mouths and the whispering of our hearts be according to your will, O God. Amen.

*Hymn: #667 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Prayer of the Day

O God, we live our lives as best we can — dealing with difficult relationships and situations, putting failures and disappointments behind us, and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill and optimism as we can muster. But here, right now, we seldom have the right answers, we

seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives, we just move ahead. Forgive us for not asking for your insight. Forgive us for not seeking your will and your Word for our lives. Fill our hearts, our minds and our lips with your wisdom, and your Words, that we may live lives of goodness, gentleness and peace. We pray in the name of your Word made flesh, even Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Meditation: “Savior Like a Shepherd” Robert Lau

Scripture: James 3:1 - 12

Sermon: “Words Matter”

Hymn: #738 “O Master Let Me Walk with Thee”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we bring our offerings with hearts full of love and gratitude. Inspired by the beauty of your creation and this earth we are privileged to call home, bind us together with a love that will not let us go. We dedicate ourselves and our gifts to further your kingdom with joy and patience. Through Christ we pray, AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #722 “Lord, Speak to Me”

Benediction

Postlude: “Immortal, Invisible“ Gerald Peterson

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: Mary Ellen Rice

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Nancy Marie Brackbill
Given by Jim & Sue Brackbill**

Announcements

We welcome **Charlie Gross** to the pulpit this morning. He grew up in East Peterburg, PA and now lives there again. He married his high school sweetheart, Lisa in 1973 and they have three grown children and six grandchildren. Charlie went to Grove City College, Webster University, Goldey Beacom College, and Lancaster Theological Seminary. He was a Titan II Missile Combat Crew Commander in the U.S. Air Force, then attended pilot training and flew C-130s for twenty years. He retired in 1999 as a Lt. Col. in the Delaware Air National Guard. He entered the ministry in 1999 and served as the Associate Executive Presbyter and Acting Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Donegal. In 2011 he was called to pastor the West Grove Presbyterian Church. He retired in August 2019. Charlie loves travel, folk dancing at the Lancaster Liederkrantz, journaling, and spending time with his family. He started a podcast in 2020 titled, “Encouraging Words by Charlie Gross,” (available on iTunes, Google, or at: <http://charliegross.com>). The podcasts are also available in book form at the same link.

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