FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Traditional Worship Service
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Poem Mystique — Richard Purvis

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to hear the story of God's faithfulness to past generations.
But we also look to the future as well as the past.
The God who was with our ancestors is with us as well.
Then we can go forward in hope. Whatever else fails, God remains faithful.
Nothing can separate us from the love of God! Praise be to God!

Ruth C. Duck, *Flames of the Spirit* (New York: The Pilgrim Press, 1985)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN — #464
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee — HYMN TO JOY

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient Lord, you know how easy it is for us to whine and complain bitterly about all those things in our lives that are difficult. We focus on them as though they were the only things that ever happened to us, forgetting the many blessings that you have given to us and the opportunities you give us to serve you. We feel alienated--you call us beloved. We feel lost--you seek us. We feel broken and battered--your love is a healing balm. Forgive us when we forget those things. Help us to always look to you for our healing and to return thanks to you by praise and serving others in your name. For we offer this prayer of confession of our failures and gratitude for your blessings. Amen.

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*Please stand as you are able

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

WE LISTEN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE
Hebrew Scriptures: Habakkuk 3:17-18 Judy Smullen
Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Leader: The word of the Lord;
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Karen Kinney

"Yet I Will Rejoice"

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION
Recall a time when you have chosen to express gratitude to God even during difficult times. What was the situation? Why did you choose an expression of gratitude?

*SERMON HYMN #422
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending BEACH SPRING

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 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.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP AND OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory O For a Closer Walk with God — Erik Routley

Chancel Choir

*Doxology #592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow — OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm (*see insert* – from *Glory to God)* — REPTON

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" — arr. J. Bert Carlson

You're welcome to stay and enjoy the Postlude or to depart while the music is played.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

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