16th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM September 8th, 2024

22 A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. ² Rich and poor have this in common: The Lord is the Maker of them all.

Proverbs 22:1-2

PRELUDE Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather today to worship the One who created us,

P: The One who calls us,

L: The One who equips us,

P: The One who loves us without end.

All: With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMNS

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

No. 225

"The Lord is My Salvation"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You are exceedingly gracious and merciful. You forgive us and restore us when we turn from our wrongdoing and turn toward You. Yet we are often reluctant to recognize and confess our sins. We run from Your presence, refusing to accept Your word. Lord, let us be more like the repentant Ninevites who cried out mightily to You. Have mercy on us and restore us to right relationship with You. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen. (Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

"Create in Me a Clean Heart" *CONFESSION RESPONSE:

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*OFFERING RESPONSE:

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 2:4-7

ANTHEM

"Walk by Faith"

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:5-7

SERMON

"I Am the Life"

Dave Freund, CLP

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN

"They'll Know We Are Christian by Our Love"

No. 429

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

*Those who are able please stand.

Ushers: Trustees

Welcome Desk: Autumn Moore

Fellowship Hour: Nicole Sproule

Liturgist: Micheal Barton

Childcare: Sarah Murtha

Greeters: Pam Greb

	THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR	
Sunday:	10 AM	Worship
•	11 AM	Sunday School & Care Team Meeting
	6 PM	Youth Group
	6 PM	Women's Bible Study
Monday:	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting
	6:30 PM	Session Meeting
Wednesday:	9 AM	Coffee & Conversation
	6:30 PM	Choir
Saturday:	9 AM	Men's Breakfast @ Mac's Cafe

CHURCH RENOVATIONS- The demolition has begun. Please pardon our mess as we make updates to our space. We will be exiting the front doors of the sanctuary at the conclusion of worship unless you are parked at the front entrance.

TRUNK OR TREAT- We are looking for volunteers for Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct 19th from 4-6 PM. We need people to help with setup, cleanup, parking, kitchen, and donating cookies. Also, those to bring a decorated car and pass out candy! There is a signup sheet in the Narthex.

CARE TEAM MEETING- The home visitation team will meet today following worship.

CHRONOLOGICALLY SUPERIOR DINNER- We will be hosting a 55 and older dinner at the church on Thursday, September 19th at 5:30 PM. There is a signup sheet in the rear narrhex if you would like to attend.

FISHBONE DINNER SIGNUP- We will be hosting a Fishbone dinner on Sunday, September 29th. There is a signup sheet in the rear narthex for volunteers and supplies.

HYGIENE KITS- The mission committee will be collecting items for hygiene kits for Convoy of Hope. There is a signup sheet in the rear narthex for the items that we are collecting. Please place all donated items in the library by September 15th.

CLUB 35- Will meet on Sunday, September 15th from 12-2. See Pastor Mike or Laura to signup.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY- Dave Freund will be leading adult bible study in Parker Hall. He will discuss possible topics for the study this week and begin class next Sunday, September 15th. All are welcome to join!

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