

*21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

**10:00 AM**

**October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

*14 Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is.*  
Amos 5:14

**PRELUDE**

**Debbe Picerno**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Sing to the Lord a new song, a song of hope and rejoicing!

**P: Praise the Father for His wonderful acts of mercy and kindness!**

L: God has remembered his faithful ones.

**P: He has poured blessing upon blessing upon us!**

L: Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!

**P: Rejoice, for God is truly with us!**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMNS**

**“To God be the Glory”** No. 56  
**“From Everlasting (Psalm 90)”**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Dear God, we gather today and admit our need for You and confess that we all fall short of Your glorious standard. We admit, that while living in a broken world, we stumble and lose sight of You. We are sorry for sinning against You and one another. Please forgive us. Help us trust in You, especially when we do not have control over what goes on around us. Thank You for Your unconditional love, mercy, and grace. In Jesus’ Name, Amen. (Silent Confession)**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.

**P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**\*CONFESSION RESPONSE:** **“Create In Me a Clean Heart”**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE:** **“Doxology”**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Psalm 103**

**ANTHEM**

**“God’s Unconditional Love”**

**By: Choir**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**1 John 4:7-21**

**SERMON**

**“How Long”**

**Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin**

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*HYMN**

**“Great is Thy Faithfulness”**

**No. 139**

**POSTLUDE**

**Debbe Picerno**

**\*Those who are able please stand.**



**Ushers:** Elders

**Welcome Desk:** Cora Murtha

**Liturgist:** Molly Tarr

**Greeters:** Autumn Moore

**Fellowship Hour:** Autumn Moore

**Childcare:** Pam Greb

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Care Team Meeting (Special Care Team)</b>
	<b>6-8 PM</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>1 PM</b>	<b>Quilting</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>4-6 PM</b>	<b>Trunk or Treat</b>

**SAVE THE DATE-** All Church Retreat at Crestfield Camp, November 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, join us as we focus on "Letting Go" Philippians 3:7-14, registration forms are available on the signup table or on our website. The cost is \$100 per adult (two days) \$50 (Saturday only) and children are free. Please register by October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**TRUNK OR TREAT-** We are looking for volunteers for Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CLUB 35-** Will have their annual Pumpkin-Fest next Sunday, Oct 20<sup>th</sup> from 12-2. Please see Pastor Mike or Laura to sign up for this fun event.

**FISHBONE SIGNUP-** We will be hosting a dinner on October 20<sup>th</sup> at Fishbone. There is a signup sheets in the rear narthex for volunteers and supplies if you are interested in helping.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY JESSE TREE-** On Nov 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM all women are invited to join us to decorate ornaments for a Jesse tree ornament exchange party on Nov 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. We could use any extra craft supplies you may have. Please see sign up in the Narthex if you are interested and see Laura for more details.

**PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH-** The month of October is "Pastor Appreciation" month. We take for granted the sacrifices our clergy and their families make to serve us. During October there will be boxes in the fellowship room outside of the office to collect cards or notes of thanks for Pastor Steve and Pastor Mike if you would like to express your gratitude.

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