

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

October 20th, 2024

² The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent ³and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters. He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind.

Psalm 104:2-3

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 16:7-9)

L: Come, bless the Lord who guides us, whose wise teaching directs our days and focuses our minds at night; whose presence sustains us and surrounds us here.

P: We bless the Lord who is present among us. We will not be shaken or live in fear, but will sing God's praise and worship with joy!

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMNS**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

No. 210

"Blessed Assurance"

No. 572

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Heavenly Father, You have called us to a great hope and purpose. You have invited us to cling to You in every season. However, we allow distractions to drag us away from Your presence. Instead of turning to You, we indulge our worries, frustrations, and disappointments. Forgive us when we seek shelter in our own comfort and control. Teach us again to trust You, O God, our protector. Bring us out of our distress, O God, our deliverer. Grant us the ability to build our lives on the firm foundation of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen. (Silent Confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***CONFESSION RESPONSE:**

"Gloria Patri"

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

Lamentations 3:22-24

ANTHEM

"God With Us"

By: Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:31-39

SERMON

"How High"

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN**

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

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



Ushers: Trustees

Welcome Desk: Cora Murtha

Liturgist: Mike Barton

Greeters: Shievers

Fellowship Hour: Julie & Kay Freehling

Childcare: Rebecca Kasarda

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday:	10 AM	Worship
	11 AM	Sunday School
	12-2 PM	Club 35
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting
Wednesday:	9 AM	Coffee & Conversation
	6:30 PM	Choir

SAVE THE DATE- All Church Retreat at Crestfield Camp, November 15th-17th, 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 30th.

TRUNK OR TREAT- Thank you to everyone who volunteered at this year's Trunk or Treat!

CLUB 35-3rd-5th Graders join us for Pumpkin-Fest today from 12-2 PM.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM-Calling All Musicians and Talented Members! Debbe is organizing a special Christmas program for the evening of our Family Christmas Dinner on Dec 8th at 5:30 PM. Our choir and preschool–2nd graders will perform, and we're inviting adults, teens, and 3rd–5th graders to join in! Whether you'd like to sing, play chimes, or share another musical talent, we'd love to have you participate. Please see Debbe for more information and signup in the narthex.

FISHBONE SIGNUP- We will be hosting a dinner on October 20th 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- Sign up to get more information on our Jesse Tree activity. Whether it is coming to our craft day on November 8th or our exchange on November 24th. It makes a great gift for family members and it's a fun time of fellowship for everyone involved.

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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