

SUN 10AM
September 1, 2024

Worship Service for THE LORD'S DAY
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Welcome to Worship

Words printed in **bold** are for the congregation to speak in unison.

* An invitation to rise in body or spirit.

PRELUDE

What God Does is Always Right
Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow

arr. Johann Pachelbel
arr. Fred Bock

WELCOME AND INVITATIONS

Rev. Ginger Thomas

MINISTRY MINUTE FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Morgan Oberlin

INTROIT

Come into God's Presence

Come into His Presence

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
some with laughter and songs of joy. God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
some from a sense of obligation or habit. God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
some with hearts heavy with grief. God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
Some with distraction or exhaustion. God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
some with eagerness and enthusiasm. God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
some with stress, loneliness or depression. As God's dearly loved children,
we bring all our joy and pain, hurt and hope
into this place of Spirit-given grace, love, and hope.

INVITATION TO SILENT PRAYER AND CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth. But we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what you bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and ever, in Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding and forgiving.

Thanks be to God!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*All are invited to exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with others.
Children attending Kids' Church may meet Pastor Lori in the Narthex at this time.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 96 (OT, pg. 550)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***HYMN 452**

Open the Eyes of My Heart
Organ and Contemporary Worship Band

Open the Eyes

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 2:4-13 (OT, pg. 699)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Roger Owens

OFFERING

Please complete a connect card and place it in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Can I Keep My Heart from Singing
Robert Lowry, arr. Z. Randall Stoope, adapted by Logan Newman

***DOXOLOGY**

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

This is Christ's table, and all who seek to follow Christ are welcome at this table, regardless of their age or understanding. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to participate in the sacrament. The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and just to give you thanks in every time and in every place...

...we praise and magnify your glorious name, joining our voices in the eternal hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ...

...as we await the day of his coming, proclaiming the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon your people and upon these your gifts...

...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE 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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Today we will receive communion by intinction. Starting with the front row, come forward by the middle aisle with open hands. Receive a piece of bread, dip it in the juice, and eat. Gluten-free sealed elements are available on the table. A pastor will bring communion elements to congregation members who are unable to rise and come forward.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Hymn Medley

Samson C. Toe, piano

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful God, we give thanks that you have invited us to this table. We give thanks that you have received us as members of the body of Christ and have affirmed us as a community of faith. Lead us to live as faithful and dedicated disciples in service to all the world; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 634

To God Be the Glory
Organ and Contemporary Worship Band

To God Be the Glory

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen

POSTLUDE

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Benedetto Marcello

Participants Today

Rev. Ginger A. Thomas, Co-Senior Pastor (ginger@fcpc.us)
Rev. Dr. L. Roger Owens, Co-Senior Pastor (roger@fcpc.us)
Rev. Lori Bass-Riley, Minister of Children and Families (lori@fcpc.us)
S.C. Toe, Minister of Music (sc@fcpc.us)
Wayne Earnest, Guest Organist
Ryan DeMotte, piano
Chris Chamberlain, guitar
Anna Lahti, soprano
Louise van Mook, alto
Andrew Boag, tenor
Logan Newman, bass
Morgan Oberlin, Ministry Minute
Don Moyer, Caretaker (don@fcpc.us)

Guest Organist

Today's guest organist, **Dr. Wayne Earnest**, earned his bachelor's degree at West Liberty State College, master's at the University of Michigan, and doctorate from the University of Cincinnati. He was a college professor for several years and a church musician for decades in various denominations. Additionally, he has played recitals in America and Europe and has published articles on church music. While "officially" retired, he continues playing as a substitute/interim organist, teaching, composing, and working to revitalize the church in the 21st century. One of his favorite quotes is, "They don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."

For Children and Families during 10:00 AM Worship

Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship with their families, and we provide the following opportunities for children and families:

Children age 3 to 5th grade are invited to sign up for Kids' Church prior to worship near the entry to the Sanctuary. Children attending Kids' Church may meet Pastor Lori in the Narthex during the Passing of the Peace and will be led to the Choir Room, where parents/guardians can pick them up following worship. The Choir Room is accessed via the elevator in the Atrium or the staircase near the main entrance to the building.

Nursery care is available for ages 0-3 in Room 109 (near the main entrance).

The Comfort Space is available in Room 107 (next to the Nursery) to comfort or feed a child and watch the worship service via livestream.

HEARING DEVICES are available in the Sanctuary. Ask an usher for assistance.
If you have a hearing aid that has the T-Coil activated, please ask for a T-Coil neckloop receiver.

LICENSES CCLI License # 1238538; Streaming License # CSPL091436; One License # 737738-A

FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

384 Fox Chapel Road | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15238 | 412-963-8243 | www.fcpc.us

