

# FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*As a community of Christ's disciples, we joyfully participate  
in Christ's mission of love and peace, transformation and hope.*



## WORSHIP SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 - 11:00AM

15th Sunday after Pentecost

### THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

Does Jesus care when my heart is pained too deeply for mirth and song,  
as the burdens press, and the cares distress, and the way grows weary and long?  
Does Jesus care when my way is dark with a nameless dread and fear?  
as the daylight fades into deep night shades, does He care enough to be near?  
Does Jesus care when I've said good bye to the dearest on earth to me,  
and my sad heart aches till it nearly breaks – Is it aught to Him? Does he see?  
O yes, He cares – I know He cares! His heart is touched with my grief;  
when the days are weary, the long nights dreary, I know my Savior cares.

*Frank Graeff*

### PRELUDE

*How Great Thou Art*

arr. Dan Miller

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Doug Marhsall

### MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

Friday Morning Book Group

Charlie Skinner

### INTROIT

*O Day of Peace*

C. Hubert Parry

O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.  
May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release,  
till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

1 John 4:7-16

Beloved, let us love each other, since love comes from God.

**God showed His love for us by sending His only Son so that we might live through Him.**

God loved us so much that He sent Jesus to die for our sin.

**God is love. Those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.**

Let us live in God's love and rejoice in the God whose love is above all.

**\*HYMN 366**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

**INVITATION TO SILENT PRAYER AND CONFESSION**

Walter McGhee

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Psalms 51:1-4

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;  
according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

**Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**

**For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.**

**Against You, You alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

How does God deal with us as sinners?

**God hates our sin but never stops loving us.**

God's Son, Jesus, sacrificed His life for us.

**He died on the cross for our sins.**

He showed His victory over death by rising from the dead.

**He removed our guilt and gave us new, unending life with God.**

Children of God, believe the good news!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 65:17-25—OT, pg. 696

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Children attending Kids' Church may meet Mrs. Patterson in the Narthex.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Revelation 21:1-5—NT, pg. 259

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

The Glorious New Creation

Doug Marhsall

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 625**

*How Great Thou Art*

HOW GREAT THOU ART

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.**

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended to hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.***

**OFFERING**

*Please complete a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*I Believe*

Mark Miller

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.  
I believe in love even when I don't feel it.  
I believe in God even when God is silent.

**\*DOXOLOGY**

***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**

**\*HYMN**

*For the Healing of the Nations*

CWM RHONDDA

1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with  
2. Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your  
3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the  
4. You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing of the things that  
world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred, all may come and  
earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing, dog - mas that ob -  
hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness bring the life of

earth af - fords; to a life of love in ac - tion help us  
go in peace. Show us how through care and good - ness fear will  
scure your plan. In our com - mon quest for jus - tice may we  
Christ to mind, that by our re - sponse and ser - vice earth its

rise and pledge our word, (pledge our word) help us rise and pledge our word.  
die and hope in - crease, (hope in - crease) fear will die and hope in - crease.  
hal - low life's brief span, (life's brief span) may we hal - low life's brief span.  
des - ti - ny may find, (may find) earth its des - ti - ny may find.

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## \*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

Welsh Melody

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing you are my own.

## \*POSTLUDE

***Archangel Suite, IV. Uriel***

Craig Phillips

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\* An invitation to rise as you are able.

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## Participants Today

The Rev. Dr. Doug Marshall, Bridge Pastor (doug@fcpc.us)  
Walter McGhee, Liturgist  
Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir  
S.C. Toe, Minister of Music (sc@fcpc.us)  
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Barbara Patterson, Kids' Church Leader  
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## For Children and Families during 11:00 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 may join a pastor at the front of the sanctuary for a Children's Message during worship (except on the first Sunday of the month). Following the Children's Message, children will be led to the **Lowest Level**, where parents/guardians can pick them up following worship.

**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.

See Highlights, page 5, for information about how you can get involved with Children's Ministry and be a Kids' Church volunteer.

## Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God.

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**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.

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