



Sunday, September 26, 2021 ~ Stewardship; 18th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you checked in on the Church Center app?

*please stand as you are able

Way of the Week #17

17. SHOW WHO YOU REALLY ARE. Our church is for “real” people. Bring your true self, including your joys, your sorrows, your fears, your strengths, and your weaknesses. God loves you as you are. Don’t hide your struggles, failures or problems.

Ideas for Action: This week, sit down with or talk to another member by phone and share one area of struggle, failure or a fear you have.

Welcome and Work of God’s People

Wes Allen

Music in Preparation for Worship

Prelude and Fugue in g Minor

Layla Joshi, Organ (age 12)

Arr. Krebs

Introit

Day by Day

Adult Choir; Grace Rykaczewski, Director

Friedell

Day by day, dear Lord, of Thee three things I pray:
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, follow Thee more nearly,
Day by day.

- St. Richard of Chichester

*Call to Worship

Paul Savage

Leader: Here we are Lord, Your creatures standing before You.
All: **Gathered together to praise You and worship You.**
Leader: This is Your day Lord God, and we thank you for giving this day to all of us.
All: **Help us to always remember that each day is a blessing and a gift from You for we are not owed anything from You.**
Leader: Be with us in our midst and let us feel Your breath upon our faces.
All: **And hold us close to You each day of our lives. Amen.**

Opening Hymn No. 360 (verses 1, 2)

Awake, My Soul

Michael Martin, Tenor; Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Prayer of Adoration

Paul Savage

Call to Confession

Stuart Spencer

Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

Gracious and loving God, hear our prayer.
We know we do not always live as we ought:
We turn away from You, from our neighbor, and from our true selves.
We know we dim Your light within us,
With our pride, our self-righteousness, and our need for control
We know that You love us, that you do not abandon us,
and that again and again you call us back to You,
back to love,
back to grace,
back to your light.
Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Time of Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the Good News: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Let us proclaim the Good News:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Welcome of New Members

Gayle Payne, Wes Allen and Stuart Spencer

With joy we welcome Jim Dodimead, Nancy Dodimead, Deborah Gerhardt, and Ruth Stotsenburg

continued

Anthem

I to the Hills Lift Up Mine Eyes

Berger

Adult Choir

I to the hills lift up mine eyes, from where shall come mine aid.
Mine aid doth from Jehovah come, who heaven and earth hath made.

He will not let thy foot be moves, nor slumber that thee keeps.
Lo He that keepeth Israel , He slumbreth not, nor sleeps.

The Lord thy keeper is, the Lord on thy right hand the shade.
The sun by day, nor moon by night, shall thee by stroke invade.

The Lord shall keep thee from all ill, thy soul He keeps away.
Thy going out, thy coming in, the Lord keeps now and aye.

Bay Psalm Book, 1640

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer ('debts')

Wes Allen

Offertory & Moment for Stewardship

Thank you! Your tithes and offerings dramatically impact our ministry, and allow us to support church operations and our work in the world. Our ministry continues every day. Those attending in person may leave an offering in the box located in the narthex. Electronic giving is here to stay! Sign up for this simple, secure [automatic withdrawal](#). Online gifts may also be made directly from your phone via the Church Center app.

Offertory Music

O Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Hunnicut

Bell Choir -- Jim Cole, Marion Norcross, Stacy Schaffer, Lissa Herman, Peg Pierce, Vicki Terry,
Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab
Kathy Gunsallus, Director

Stewardship Moment

Harris Ransom, Harris Ransom, Melody Ransom

Leading up to Consecration Sunday, we'll hear personal stories from member families about what being stewards of God's resources means to them. This stewardship emphasis parallels our sermon series Now Is The Time and reminds us that everything comes from God.

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"Time to Wake Up!"

Scripture Text: [Romans 13: 8-14 \(NRSV\)](#) (Pew Bible NT page 162)

Sermon Series: Now Is The Time

Hymn No. 670 (verses 2, 4)

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

Gwen Wilkie, Alto; Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Music in Preparation for Service

Prelude in Bb Major

Krebs

Vikram Joshi, Organ (age 11)

8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician: Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming: Harris A. Ransom
Flower Arrangers: Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop
Ushers: Paul Lewis, Tom Samuel, Joe Scheideler
Trustee Greeter: Paul Lewis
Check-In Volunteer: Jane Murphy
Interim Nursery Caregiver: Amy Coombe

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in joy of the start of our programming year.

TODAY: Regular Sunday School classes begin. Children's Sunday School (K-6th grades) meets Sunday from 9:45-10:45 a.m., where children learn about the Word of God. Children and teachers will be asked to wear face masks.

Nursery: Room 12 (Amy Coombe); **Grades K-1:** Room 13 (Jenny Legath/Karen Alecxih); **Grades 2-3:** Room 10 (Tamara Trzeciak/Lori Bell); **Grades 4-5-6:** Room 3-4 (Leslie Spencer/Philip Jagiela)

Welcome our New Members

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Adult Education: Join Lorenzo Eagles and Rev. Wes Allen Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:45 a.m., in Fellowship Hall or via Zoom for our Adult Education hour. Reflect on and explore that week's sermon text. Study guides provided electronically on the church website/events.

TODAY: Youth Parent Information Meeting: Sunday, Sept. 26 at 12:15 in Fellowship Hall ... middle school and high school parents, grades 7-12. The meeting will be hybrid with a Zoom option. Luke Maxted will be volunteering as a part-time interim youth director. Luke and his wife Kelly are fellows with Urban Promise. Luke and our youth advisors will lead our high school fellowship on Sunday evenings and our middle school fellowship on Wednesday evenings. [Zoom link on online event page.](#)

Choir Open House: Wednesday, Sept. 29th from 6-7 p.m. – Current/past choir members and FPC members are asked to come and **bring a friend!** Meet with current choir members and see video clips of the recent European choir tour and youth choir concerts to see how rewarding joining youth choir can be! Tour music facilities. Contact Kristen Perkowski ([732-779-8948](tel:732-779-8948)) or Laurie LaMonica ([609-304-9720](tel:609-304-9720)). To-go dessert will be provided.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, October 17 is Consecration Sunday (**9:30 a.m.** combined worship, dedicate financial gifts)

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, October 24 is The Church Has Left the Building. Watch for details and information.

Please sign in each week by using the Church Center app on your phone or our tablets. This simple check-in replaces the previous Friendship sign-in pads, provides accurate reporting, and allows us to contact members and guests. This is not for contact tracing. *Do you see someone missing from church? Give them a call!*