

Service for the Lord's Day

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2014

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Spirit of Holiness, in final traces of the summer's warmth, in the leaves dancing across autumn's lawn, and in all of life, from forever to forever you proclaim God's grace to us. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Sally Hosea

WELCOME

Jimmy Chapman

*INTROIT #515

"I Come With Joy" (v 1, 2 & 5)
October Hymn of the Month

Wren, 1968

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called from the ends of the earth.

We are called from the dead centers of our lives.

We are called to praise God.

We are called to serve the Holy One.

God has breathed into us the breath of new life. Let us worship with joy!

*HYMN #761

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Huber, 1981

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have been entrusted with the message of the gospel, but all too often act as if the memos from sin and death have more influence in our lives. Let us confess our sins, so we might know God's great love for us. Let us pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, forgive us that so little of your blessing reaches others through us. We are guilty of keeping silent when a word is needed. We treat your call to be fishers of people as a nice story to be kept at a distance. Forgive us, bless us, encourage us, empower us. Make us bold disciples who graciously and authentically share the good news of Jesus Christ with others in our words and our actions. For we pray it in Jesus' name. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

***"Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This moment, this morning, this day, and in all the days to come, God's compassion and hope fill our lives. We are forgiven! What joyous good news!

Our hope is not in vain. God forgives our sins, and is the dwelling place for all people. Thanks be to God. 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.

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Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12:1-3

Bibles, p. 9/LG. p.12

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #733

"We All Are One in Mission"

Edwards, 1985

SECOND SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:14-20

Bibles, p. 170/ LG. p.221

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Ambassadors of Blessing"

Rev. Chris Carrasco

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"God sends us to exercise compassion. In his concern for justice in the social order God has never forgotten the needs of individuals. In the end the Lord will judge all persons by the simple, unremembered acts of kindness they did or failed to do for the least of their sisters and brothers. We acknowledge God is at work here and now when people show personal concern for each other and work to make helping agencies, including the church itself, more compassionate. We believe God sends us to risk our own peace and comfort in compassion for our neighbors. We are to give to them and receive from them, accepting everyone we meet as a person; to be sensitive to those who suffer in body or mind; to help and accept help in ways that affirm dignity and responsibility. We must not limit our compassion to those we judge deserving, for we ourselves do not deserve the compassion of God." This we believe. Amen.

— A Declaration of Faith

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #700 *“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”* Wesley, 1746

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #700 *“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” (v.1)*

POSTLUDE Selected

(* Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

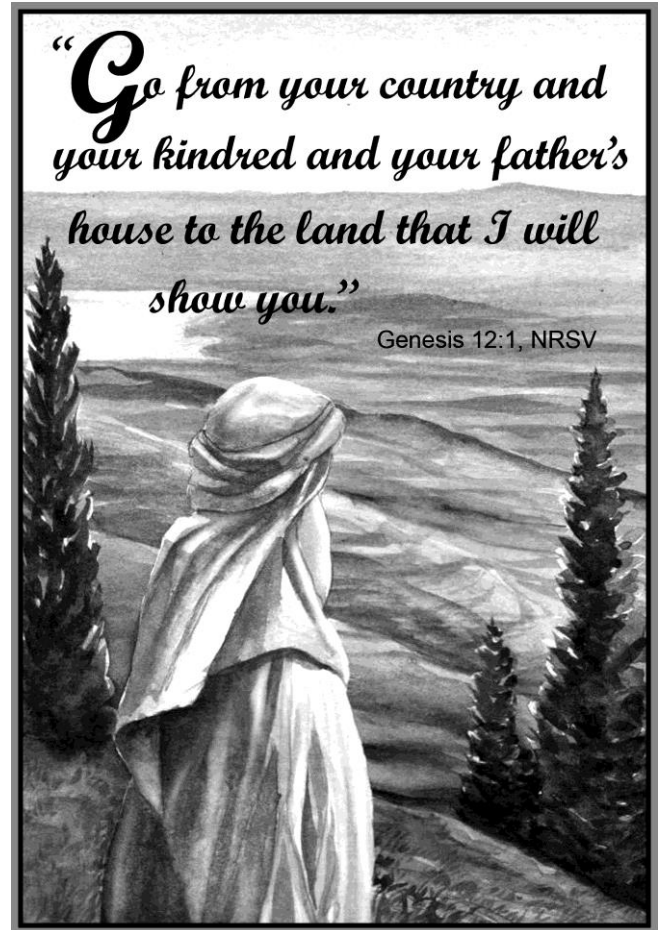
This week’s prayers and concerns: Jane, Tolly, and Diane Dill, Neil Pennal, Bob Hays, Syble DeLoach, Cindy Ratliff, and Debbie Murphy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Mornings	8:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
Wednesdays	4:15-5:15 p.m.	Kids for God
Sun. 11/02	Following Worship	Congregational Meeting

The Rev. Christina (Chris) Carrasco is from Charlotte, NC. A graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, Chris has served churches in Charlotte, Knoxville, TN and Trenton, NJ. She also served a year as a Young Adult Mission Volunteer in Ghana, Africa, and most recently served her Presbytery as a Commissioner to the 221st General Assembly. Please welcome Chris to our pulpit!

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