

Service for the Lord's Day

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 2017

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Dear God, thank you for being faithful in caring for us--no matter what. Amen

Gathering

PRELUDE

“Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above”

arr. Wagner

WELCOME

Kelly Weaver

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*INTROIT #65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (v.1)

Williams, 1762

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give praise to God!

Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves. It is God who forgives. It is God who delivers.

Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

*HYMN #65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (v.2&3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God who forgives and saves. First, silently, then with the Unison prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us--we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us--we have not forgiven others. You have loved us--we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
People of God, our sins are forgiven. God is merciful and gracious and is Lord of us all. Reconciled to the God who loves us, let us live and love through Christ our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*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

ANTHEM

“The Gift of Love”

arr. Hopson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Genesis 50: 15-21

Bibles, p.46/LG. p.60

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #435

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Faber, 1854

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18: 21-35

Bibles, p.19/LG. p.24

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Dreams”

Rev. Jack Albright

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of mankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to men, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.
–From the Confession of 1967 (9.21)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Chorale Prelude on ‘Dundee’”

Willan

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

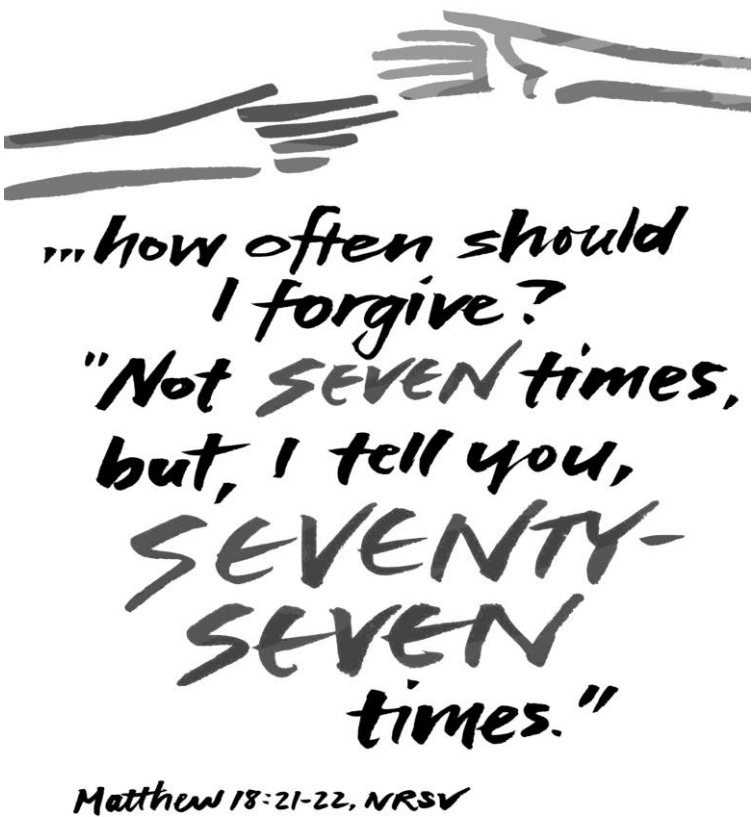
*HYMN #822	“When We Are Living” (v.1-3)	Mink, 1988
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
*RESPONSE #822	“When We Are Living” (v.4)	
POSTLUDE	“Poco Vivace”	Hermann Schroeder
	(*) Those who are able may stand.	
	<i>Bold italic letters</i> indicate congregational responses.	

Rev. Jack Albright is a native of Marshall, Texas, and a graduate of Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, and of Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. He is a retired Methodist minister, having served congregations in Longview, Carthage, Jacksonville, and Houston. He and his wife, Dana, live in Jacksonville, where he has served as pulpit supply for First Presbyterian Church for a long period. He has adjusted from “trespasses” to “debts” pretty well. The Albrights have 2 children, 4 grandchildren, all of whom live in the San Antonio area. We welcome you, Rev. Albright!

This week’s prayers and concerns: Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Patsy Snelgrove, and Sue Williams.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Thur. 09/21	L.E.A.N. Meeting	2:00pm
Thur. 09/21	Session Meeting	6:30pm

Church Secretary: Lisa Temple Director of Music: Mark Reeves, CAGO
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