

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress is our God* Buxtehude (1637-1707)

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens are telling the glory of God; the skies proclaim the Creator's handiwork. They have no speech, they use no words, yet their witness goes out through all the earth. Let us join the chorus of creation; let us raise our voices in resounding praise as we worship God.

### OPENING PRAYER

HYMN *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Ein feste Burg

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.  
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He.  
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same; and He must win the battle.

That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth.  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever!

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Lord, you Call us to the mind as Christ, but we confess our minds are fixed on attitudes and ambitions that draw us away from you. In a world of need, we labor for ourselves, concerned for the desires of a precious few. We look up to the rich and famous and mistake the lowly for the cursed. Rather than affirming the dignity of all, we pick and choose those we deem worthy. Forgive us, Lord, this and all our sin. By your grace, give us the same mind and the same love as our Lord Jesus Christ. Work within us until our lives bear witness to the faith our tongues confess. Amen.

## SILENT PRAYER

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 5:1-7

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21: 33-46

SERMON *The God who never gives up.* Rev. Patrick Pettit

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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.**

### OFFERING

*Offertory*

*\*Doxology Hymn 606* Old Hundredth

Praise God, from Whom all blessing flow; Praise Him, all creatures, here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*\*Prayers of Dedication*

ANTHEM *What Does the Lord Require* Routley (1917-1982)

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?  
What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?  
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

How shall our life fulfill God's law so hard and high?  
Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify.  
Then justly, in mercy, we'll humbly walk with God.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Invitation*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession*

*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.**

*Communion of the People*

*Prayer after Communion*

CLOSING HYMN *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

Westminster Abbey

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

To this temple where we call You, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
Come, with all Your lovingkindness; hear Your people as we pray,  
And Your fullest benedictions shed within these walls today.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;  
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

## CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*A Mighty Fortress is our God*

Walcha (1907-1991)

## Prayers for Health and Other Concerns:

The Legacy: Eloise Morris

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab

Summit Square: Ruth Quillen, Lillian Hryshkanych

Home: Dick Huff, Nancy Garber, Mary Ultee, Edie Lawrence, Steve Doherty, Nancy Snyder, Campbell Epes, Kathy Brown

Friends and Family: Andy & Jean Robeson, Wanda Braden, Lucy Colbert, Charlie Fairchilds (Cunninghams), Steve Stevens, Chris Davenport (Jen Jones), Danny Smith (Nancy Hypes), Jennifer & Charlotte Sergeant (Kathy Brown), Emily Bardeen (Sandi Henderson), Kathy Doyle (Cindy & Rodger Doyle), Peter Johnson, Lawrence Maddox, Joan Blazek, Glenn Fields, Sr. (Jen Jones), Bill Metzel (Joyce Tipton), Tony Poplin (Colleen Cash), Helen Schurz (Holly Bennett), Shae Blackwell and Family (Preschool), Carol Buckalew (Jen Jones), Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson), Merle Fisher (Anne Wood)

Military: Jeremiah Henderson, Carson Craig

Missionaries: Elmarie & Scott Parker, PC (USA) Regional Liaisons to Iraq, Syria & Lebanon

## COMMUNION AVAILABLE AT FPC ONLINE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

You, too, can be part of World Wide Communion Sunday. Tune in on our website [www.firstpresway.com](http://www.firstpresway.com) or click on the link you receive in an email from Colleen for our online worship service on October 4. For the first time Communion will be part of our online worship. However, you will have to provide your own elements.

We suggest that before the service starts you assemble whatever you'd like to use. A piece of bread or a cracker would do as well as water, juice or even wine. Whatever symbols are meaningful to the participant would be appropriate.

We can still celebrate Holy Communion together.

## MAILING *THE COLUMNS*

Before the pandemic, monthly issues of *The Columns* were available for pick-up in the narthex or church office as close to the first of the month as possible. Some were mailed on request. When we were no longer gathering together, it was decided to mail copies to all members of the congregation. And we continue to do so.

This mailing comes at a cost. About \$1.25 postage apiece plus paper and large envelopes. We are delighted to continue this procedure for shut-ins or anyone who wishes to receive a copy. But the newsletter is available also online, usually before a copy hits your mail box. Bulk mail is not an option. We tried several years ago but some deliveries took at least two weeks. We know that some folks could care less about receiving a paper copy and prefer to read online. If you would like to be removed from the newsletter mailing list, please call the church office (949-8366). If not, sit tight, and we'll be happy to keep 'em coming.

