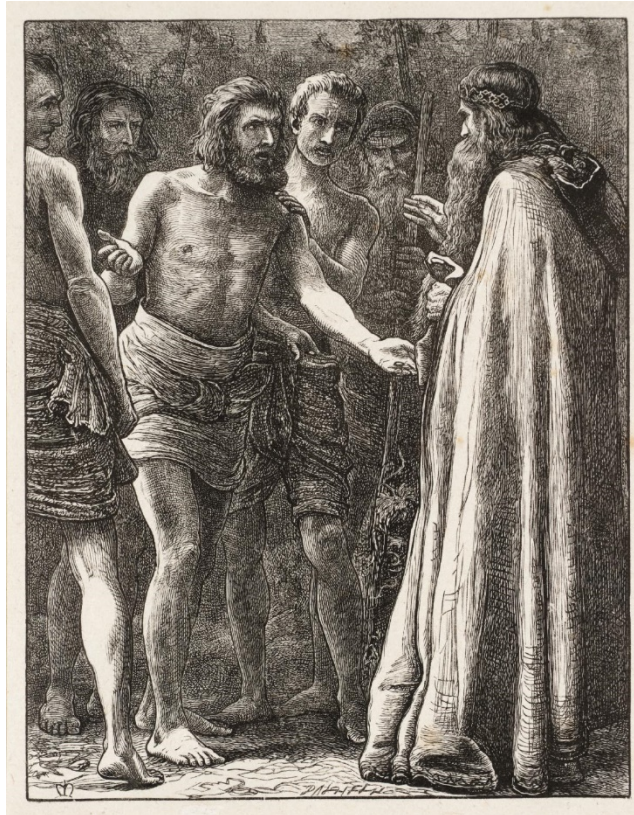




# First Presbyterian Church



## Sunday Worship

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – Year A  
20 September 2020  
9:30 a.m.

## Everyone Is Welcome!



You are invited to join us on our journey of faith! We seek to serve God, to minister to our community, and to love one another. Help us in our quest to become an ever more inclusive church that welcomes all people from all backgrounds, abilities, and identities. Come along and experience the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God.

In worship the people of God acknowledge God present in the world and in their lives.

As they respond to God's claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ,  
believers are transformed and renewed.

In worship the faithful offer themselves to God and are equipped for God's service in the world.  
(*Book of Order*, Directory for Worship W 1.1001)

### **First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale Order of Worship for Sunday 9/20/20:**

#### Prayer in Preparation

O God who is our strength, you have protected us from those who would seek to oppress us. You have shielded us from those who would seek to destroy the good gifts you have put in us. Your love and power never fail.

Thanks and praise to you, our safety and stronghold. We exalt you, O God, majestic in holiness, for there is none like you. **Amen.**



#### Ministry of the Church

One: We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

#### Joys and Concerns

One: We give thanks to God for these blessings.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

One: For all these people and all who are in need

**All: Please hold your people near, O God!**

**Prelude:** What a Friend We Have in Jesus (arr. Greg Howlett)

*Saem Lee, pianist*

### **Gathering for Worship**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

**All: Give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

**All: Give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

**All: Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord! Let us worship God!**

**Hymn:** #662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

*v. 1*

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ the true, the only light  
Sun of Righteousness arise; triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.**

### **Call to Confession:**

Leader: Trusting in God's mercy,  
let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

### **Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Let us pray...

**All: Gracious God,**

**we have sought after things, but we have not  
sought after you.**

**We have expected generosity, but we have not  
shown generosity.**

**We have not been gracious or grateful.**

**We have failed to remember all that you have done.**

**Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude.**

**Help us to share our gifts**

**and strengthen our legs so that we can  
run after you, O God.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: People of God, our sins are forgiven;  
we are reconciled to God.

Let us therefore love one another  
with gratitude in our hearts and praise on our lips.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Giving of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all!

**All: And also with you!**

**Response:** #282    Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.    Amen. (2x)**

**Children's Sermon:** Fair is Fair

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Let the wisdom of your Word *Exod. 16:4*  
rain down on us like manna and feed us,  
that we may be strengthened to do the work  
to which we are called,  
for the glory and honor of your name. **Amen.**



## Ministry of Music

*Carlyn Zimmermann et al.*

## New Testament Lesson:

Matthew 20:1-16

Minister: <sup>1</sup>“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired

us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Minister: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclamation of the Word:** When Reality Bulldozes Expectations...

**Affirmation of Faith:** The PCUSA Confession of 1967 (Section 9.56)

Leader: Let us confess our faith together...

**All: Now to him who by the power within us  
is able to do far more abundantly  
than all we ask or think,  
to him be glory in the church  
and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen .**

**Minute for Mission/Interim Box Time:** PCDC Preschool

**Invitation to the Offering:**

Leader: Great is God's mercy toward us.

Let us offer a portion of what God has given  
with humble and grateful hearts.

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**\*Doxology: #606**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: Lord, giver of all good gifts,  
thank you for the resources gathered here.  
Use these gifts for the advancement of your kingdom;  
in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

**Hymn: #662** Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies v. 2

**Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;  
Joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see;  
Till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.**

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

Minister: God inspires us to pray, hears our prayers, and answers our prayers.

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

Minister: Let us pray...

*Silent Prayer*

Minister: Let us pray together the Lord's Prayer...

**All: Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver  
Source of all that is and all that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God who is in heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by people of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come  
on earth.**

**With bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another forgive us.**



**In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.  
May it be so. Amen.**

*From Kataphatic.wordpress.com*

**Hymn: #662** Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

v. 3

**Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.**

### **Charge and Blessing**

Minister: Rest in the knowledge that God always provides.  
Therefore give and love with a generous heart,  
for this honors God who is most generous and loving.  
Beloved, may God continue to bless and keep you.  
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Postlude:** Praise Him, Praise Him (arr. Greg Howlett)

### **A Thought for Today:**



### ***Household Prayer: Morning***

Dear God,  
thank you for this day.  
Help me hear others as I know that you always hear me.  
Open my heart and help me give myself with grateful praise  
to things you have set for me today.  
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

### ***Household Prayer: Evening***

Dear God,  
thank you for always being with me.  
Rest now in me, God, so that I will wake in the morning  
with praise and thanksgiving on my lips.  
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

**Worship Assistant:** Wendi Zea

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020**  
Bible Study with Pastor Kerry at 3:30pm

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020**  
9:30 am Virtual Worship via Zoom

<p><b>Pastor Kerry's Office Hours</b> <b>Monday</b> 9:00am - 12:00 noon <b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 – 12:00 noon</p>
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If you would like a visit—or if you know someone who needs a visit—please let Kerry or one of the Deacons know.

### **Announcements**

**Faith Dialogues** continues a series of autumn discussions: "The Church and Politics" written by David True and distributed by the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Discussions continue after fellowship virtually today.



On Sunday, October 4, we will be celebrating **World Communion Sunday** with an outdoor worship service in the green space here at the church. Information is being sent to via USPS or email about making reservations, how communion and offerings will work, and much more. There will be a Zoom service that day as well! Keep your eyes peeled and watch your mailbox or your inbox!

Kerry is taking another week of vacation starting Sunday 9/27 (can you *believe* it?). He will be back (like a bad penny) in the pulpit on 10/4. Thanks to John Baker for ably preaching and leading worship on 9/27.

Small Groups Ministries is organizing a short hike on Thursday, 10/15 at 10:30am. Meet at the Post Oak Trail and bring a sack lunch. Contact Sharon Wittke if you have questions about this event.

### **Joys and Concerns**

#### **Pray for God's grace, mercy & help:**

- Covid19 Pandemic
- Social unrest and political polarization
- Those in the destructive path of Hurricane Sally and the West Coast wildfires

Each week we pray for one of the faith communities that participate in the Carbondale Interfaith Council. This week the council asks us to please pray for: Dayemi Tariqat.

The Mission/Ministry we are praying for this month is: Faith Development

#### **Remember to pray for:**

- Our National Leaders
- Students, faculty, and staff at school
- Our nation in midst of violence
- Our world, in the midst of terrorism
- Refugees in Europe
- Resolution to the migrant dilemma
- Homeless, unemployed and those
- without adequate health care
- Missionaries in Africa and everywhere
- Service men and women

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