

July 28, 2024

Morning Worship
10th Sunday After Pentecost
Slackwood Presbyterian Church
2020 Brunswick Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

10:30 a.m.

Embracing God. Extending Welcome. Celebrating All.

GATHER TO WORSHIP

As a consideration to all who seek to worship this morning, please turn off or mute cell phones and other electronic devices.

Bell of Invitation
Welcome & Announcements

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship

Leader: The foolish say, "There is no God!
We are alone, on our own."

People: We gather to declare the presence of God in our lives.

Leader: The foolish say, "It is your life;
you are accountable to no one."

People: We gather, strengthened by the Spirit, trusting that Christ dwells in our hearts.

Leader: The foolish say, "Everything I have is mine;
I owe nothing to anyone."

People: We gather to praise the One who calls us to serve one another in love.

*Hymn #14 "For The Beauty of the Earth" DIX

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*In Unison*)

Most wise God, deep within, we know how we have failed to be your people. Our hardened hearts are closed to the love of Christ; our desire for more and more blocks the fullness of your grace from transforming our lives; our trust in the powers of the world reveals our foolish nature. Have mercy, God of every generation. Pour out the rich

blessing of forgiveness on our parched souls. Feed us with Heaven's Bread, so we might be nourished by your gentleness. Shape us as your people, and restore us to faithful living, as we seek to follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in service to everyone we meet. (*moment for silent prayer*). Amen.

*Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#581)

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.

(Following the time of confession, young people ages 3 to 10 may leave for a time of lesson and activity.)

HEARING OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading -- 2 Kings: 4:38-44

The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "Honey in the Rock"

Refrain:

There's honey in the rock for all God's children,
Honey in the rock, honey in the rock.

There's honey in the rock for all God's children,
Feed every child of God.

Second Reading – John 6:1-21

The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Something From Nothing" The Rev. David Bowman

*Affirmation of Faith (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and

mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*Hymn #762 “When the Poor Ones” EL CAMINO

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

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.

Call for Offering

Offertory

*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

*Hymn #765

ARGENTINA

“May the God of Hope Go With Us” (*Sung twice*)

*Charge and Benediction

DEPART TO SERVE

**Those who are able may stand.*

The Peace Candle on the table is lit to remind us of the gift of Christ’s peace and our call to be peacemakers.

Announcements

Christ’s Ministers in the World: All members of the church

Interim Pastor: The Rev. David Bowman

Director of Music: Dr. Shelley Sanders Zuckerman

Liturgist: Sydney Ryon

Welcome to everyone who is worshipping this morning. If you are visiting, we hope you will feel very welcome and that you will stay for refreshments and conversation.

Pastor Bowman’s contact information:

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The **Choir** rehearses each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

The **Bible Study Group** will meet on Thursday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. The link is in your Saturday announcements email.

The **service of worship** next Sunday, August 4 will be in the sanctuary and include the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

This year’s popular **summer festival** is coming soon – Saturday, August 17. This is a wonderful event that requires a lot of work – lot of work – and people helping. Plan to participate and let Ginger Baker know that you’ll be helping out.

Those people remembered in the morning prayer last week are:

Elaine, Kim, Carrie, Thor, Mike, Jon, Scott, Ben, Theresa, Samantha, Kimmy, J.D., Kate & Emma, Noah, Jonathan, Samantha, Michael, Marilyn, Mary Beth, Francine, Strober family, Doug & Debi, Jacqui, Jim, Joan, Dennis, MJ & Richard, Wesley, John, Tracy, Carol and Joe.

