

July 31, 2022 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
8th Sunday after Pentecost
Slackwood Presbyterian Church
2020 Brunswick Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

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 Preparation for Worship
Welcome & Announcements

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship

L: Come worship the God who creates us, who breathes life into dust and water into the earth.

P: Come worship the God who challenges us, who calls the poor blessed and makes the hungry full.

L: Come worship the God who calls us, who binds us in community and beckons us to follow.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn #409 “God Is Here!” ABBOT’S LEIGH

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*In unison*)

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

When your desert people cried out to you in hunger and in thirst, you gave them bread from heaven and brought water from the rock.

When your desperate people cry out to you in humility and in faith, you wash us in abounding grace and bring peace from our chaos.

Move us, O God, to deeper faith and faithful action.

Fill us, O God, with deeper love and loving trust.

(Moment of silence for personal 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 and go to the Christian Education building for the remainder of the service.)

HEARING OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson – Psalm 49:1-12

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Blessings”

Laura Story

Second Scripture Lesson -- Colossians 3:1-10

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Janet Macgregor Williams

“Magic of Mulch Piles”

*Affirmation of Faith

Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.17)

*Hymn #716

BEACH SPRING

“God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

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 him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #643

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“Now Thank We All Our God”

*Charge and Benediction

DEPART TO SERVE

**Those who are able may stand.*

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

Parish Associate: The Rev. James Klotz

Director of Music: Dr. Shelley Sanders Zuckerman

Director of Family Ministries: Starr Alleyne

Liturgist: Shirley Hafford

Welcome to everyone who is worshipping this morning. If you are visiting, we hope you will feel very welcome.

Announcements

In accordance with CDC guidelines, **masks are no longer required** for those who are fully vaccinated. Please continue to respect those who prefer to continue to wear a mask. For those wishing to continue with distance seating, there are pews in the left rear as you enter the sanctuary for that use.

The **Choir** rehearses each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

The Membership and Outreach Committee is sponsoring an outing to visit the **Grounds For Sculpture** on Sunday, October 23rd at 1:00 p.m. The Grounds For Sculpture is located at 80 Sculptors Way in Trenton, NJ 08619. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. Please see the sign-up sheet located on the table in fellowship hall.

Over the summer, don’t forget to continue to support the **National Giving Alliance** clothing drive by picking up new clothes for women, men, children and babies. Leave the tags on the items and place them in the container in fellowship hall.

Worship next Sunday, August 7, will be outside on the lawn behind the church parking lot and will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion.