

July 7, 2024

Morning Worship

10:30 a.m.

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

*Slackwood Presbyterian Church*

*2020 Brunswick Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648*

***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: We come from the day-to-day busyness of our lives.

**People: We come with cares and worries, joys and celebrations.**

Leader: Let us set it all aside and enter this time of worship.

**People: May our hearts and minds be open to what God might say to us this day.**

Leader: Trusting always in the Spirit to meet us,

**People: let us worship God!**

\*Hymn #401

"Here in This Place"

GATHER US IN

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*In Unison*)

**You know how stubborn we can be, Holy God. You call us to serve others, and we stay in the coolness of our own homes. You would send us to where the hopeless live, but we are reluctant to leave the comfort of our complacency. You would feed us on the peace and joy of your word, but we pull our chairs up to the tables of those who serve false promises. Forgive us, Guiding God. Transform our defiance into discipleship, and our rejection of others into the resurrection of welcoming all people as sisters and brothers in Christ. Help us to love as faithfully as you have always loved**

**us, and send us forth to take the good news of Jesus Christ to everyone we meet. (Time 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 activity.)*

## HEARING OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading – Acts 10:44-48

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

Anthem "Honey in the Rock" American Traditional

Gospel Reading – Mark 6: 1-13

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

Sermon

Rev. David Bowman

"Is this the Jesus We Thought We Knew?"

\*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 living 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.**

\*Hymn #451 "Open My Eyes, That I may See" OPEN MY EYES

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

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 #769 "For Everyone Born" FOR EVERYONE BORN

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead,

*Refrain:* and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair, *Refrain:*

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong,  
*Refrain:*

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free,  
*Refrain*

For gay and for straight, a place at the table,  
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,  
a rainbow of race and gender and colour,  
for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace,  
*Refrain:*

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise....**

*(Prayer continues)*

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.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*(Please hold the elements till all partake together at the instruction of the officiant.)*

Prayer after the Meal

Farewell To Carol Ward

\*Hymn #306 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" DENNIS

\*Charge and Benediction

**DEPART TO SERVE**

*\*Those who are able may stand.*

**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:** Penny Baumann

**Communion Servers:** Carl Belles & Andrea Moore

## Announcements

*The Peace Candle in the Chancel is lit to remind us of the gift of Christ's peace and our call to be peacemakers.*

**Pastor Bowman's contact information:**

Email: dfbsbv@gmail.com or Telephone: 732.547.3480

Scripture Reading for July 14 is **Mark 6:14-29**

**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.

The **Adult Forum** is taking a break during July and August and will next meet in September.

The **choir** rehearses each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

The **Mission Study Committee** will meet following this morning's service of worship.

This year's popular **summer festival** will be held on the church grounds on Saturday, August 17. This is a wonderful event that requires a lot of work and people helping. Plan now to participate and let Ginger Baker know that you will be helping out.

**Those people remembered in the morning prayer last week are:**

Kyle, JD, Carol, Wendy & Rick, Carrie, Mary, Thon, Tina, Mikey, Ben, Kim, Florida, countries in war, Jill, Ebbie, Laura, Cindy, Audrey, Joann, Bill, Linda, Lou, Joan & Dennis, Holly, Jeff, Tia, Brady, Doug, Debi, Elaine, Jacqui & Jim.

