

October 10, 2021 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 20th Sunday after Pentecost
 Slackwood Presbyterian Church
 2020 Brunswick Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

GATHER TO WORSHIP

Bell of Invitation
Welcome & Announcements

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship

L: Sing to the Lord a new song;

P: sing to the Lord, all the earth.

L: Sing to the Lord, praise his name;

P: proclaim his salvation day after day.

Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*In Unison*)

God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (moment of silent prayer) Amen.

Words of Assurance

Anthem "You Are My Strength When I Am Weak"

(Following the anthem, young people ages 3 to 10 may leave to meet with the Director of Family Ministries for a time of lesson and activity.)

HEARING OF THE WORD

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 4:12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Thank God for Jesus!" The Rev. Ken Buck

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

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
Under his wings, your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.

Refrain

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

Refrain

For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain*

*Charge & Benediction

DEPART TO SERVE

**Those who are able may stand.*

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

Announcements

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: Mark Thomas

Important Notice Concerning the October 17 schedule:

After lots of work, discussion and concern for the safety of the congregation, the worship committee is ready to move the 10:30 a.m. service of worship back into the sanctuary beginning next Sunday, October 17. The committee appreciates everyone's cooperation over the months that the sanctuary has been closed. As we move indoors, the first priority will be continued safety for all worshippers; those who are fully vaccinated, those who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons, and those too young to be vaccinated. Therefore, masks will be required for all those in the sanctuary, and physical distancing will be observed in seating. Wearing masks inside will also allow the service to include the singing of hymns, which is important to many. Working together and cooperating with a few inconveniences allows worship to occur once again in our beautiful church sanctuary and demonstrates how we at Slackwood care for each other. For those still uncomfortable worshipping indoors, the service will continue to be livestreamed. The church leadership extends its thanks to everyone for your patience, understanding and anticipated support.

The Youth Group will resume meeting for Bible Study Sundays at 9:15 a.m. There are currently three to four regular participants in the Youth Group. The Youth share and reflect on the scripture for that morning's worship service. Some Sundays the Youth spend their morning time preparing for Worship (i.e. announcements/call to worship, singing, reading scripture). If you are interested in helping to facilitate this group, please contact Starr Alleyne via email at: mrngstar38@gmail.com.

The choir will rehearse at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

The **Truth & Reconciliation Zoom Group** will meet on Thursday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting there will be a discussion of the book *This Is The Fire: What I say to My Friends About Racism* by Don Lemon. If you would like to join the discussion or just listen to what others have to say about the book, feel free to join the group this week. The link was sent in the weekly announcements.

Work is continuing on a new church directory that will include pictures along with names and addresses. If you do not presently have your picture in the directory, or you would like a new picture, someone will be present at church on October 17 & 24 to take pictures. Or, if you have a particular picture you like used in the directory, you can email it to Bill Mansmann at wjm1649@gmail.com.

Church Meetngs for This Week

Tues., Oct. 12	7:00 p.m.	Property & Finance will meet via Zoom
Wed., Oct. 13	7:00 p.m.	Membership & Outreach will meet via Zoom
Thurs., Oct. 14	7:00 p.m.	Truth & Reconciliation via Zoom
Sun., Oct. 17	9:00 a.m.	Adult Forum via Zoom
	9:15 a.m.	Youth Group
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship in church sanctuary Deacons will meet following Worship

Mark Your Calendar:

Saturday, October 30 – church clean-up day – rain date is
November 6.

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