

Sept. 12, 2021 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Slackwood Presbyterian Church
2020 Brunswick Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ

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: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

All: I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Leader: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

All: And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn "Make a Joyful Noise to God" DIX

Make a joyful noise to God!
All creation sings your praise!
Great your wonders here displayed,
unexcelled throughout our days.
Glorious is your sacred name,
Ages old, yet still the same.

Bless the Lord, our refuge sure;
let our songs of praise be heard!

By whose justice, we are tried;
by whose grace, our guilt deferred.
When our life's sure end shall come,
bring us to your heavenly home.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*In Unison*)

**God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. (*moment of silent prayer*)
Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Anthem "When the Poor Ones"

Spanish: "va Dios mismo en nuestro mismo caminar."

English: "then we know that God still goes that road with us."

(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

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds

to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue--a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

“Graceful Speech”

Bailie Gregory

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

I’LL FLY AWAY

“When the Lord Redeems the Very Least”

When the Lord redeems the very least,
we will rejoice.
when the hungry gather for the feast,
we will rejoice.

Refrain

We will rejoice, with gladness.
We will rejoice.
All our days we’ll sing to God in praise.
We will rejoice.

When the Lord restores the sick and weak,
we will rejoice.
When the earth is given to the meek
We will rejoice. *Refrain*

When the Lord revives the world from death,
we will rejoice.
When the word of God fills every breath,
we will rejoice. *Refrain*

*Charge & 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: Kate Moore

Announcements

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

In accordance with CDC and New Jersey State suggestions, **masks will not be required for those people who are fully vaccinated.** Please respect those people who continue to wear a mask because they choose or need to wear one. Also, please respect those people who prefer to continue physical distancing.

The **Adult Forum** meets each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. The link is sent in the Saturday announcements email.

The **Property & Finance Committee** will meet on Monday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The **Session** will meet on Wednesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The **Board of Deacons** will meet following worship on Sunday, September 19.

Two Movie Opportunities this month:

Saturday, September 18 – 7:00 p.m. – outdoors at the church. The Truth & Reconciliation group will be showing the film: “The Best of Enemies” It tells the true story about a black woman and a white KKK leader in Durham who not only become friends, they change history in the process.

Saturday, September 25 – 7:00 p.m. – Outdoors at the church Family friendly film – “The One and Only Ivan” Bring a blanket or chair for seating; refreshments will be provided.

Music Acknowledgements

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