

September 18, 2022 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
15th 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 Invitation
Welcome & Announcements

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather together to celebrate the joy in our lives.

People: God's love fills our hearts to overflowing with laughter.

Leader: We gather, in God's presence, to find comfort and hope for our pain.

People: God's grace wipes away our tears and knits us together as one people.

Leader: We gather together, in God's presence, to worship God in faith and truth.

People: Alleluia! Amen!

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn #20 "All Things Bright and Beautiful" ROYAL OAK

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*In Unison*)

First of all, Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters - work, wealth, power, addictions - yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.

Forgive us, Compassion's Heart, and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we

might be the hope and love others need in their lives, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us. (*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 to for a time of activity.)

HEARING OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson – Amos 8: 4-7

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to Go.

Anthem

Ronald Nelson

"Whoever Would Be Great Among You"

Gospel -- Luke 16: 1-13

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Jesus: Rogue Rabbi"

Rev. David Bowman

*Hymn #700

I'M GONNA LIVE

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

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

O God, through the offering of these gifts, we become a more open people—open-minded in hearing your word and wisdom, open-hearted in healing a broken world, open-handed in heeding your call to charity and enacted love. With thanks for all good gifts, we present a portion of our substance and the whole of ourselves. Amen.

*Hymn #307 “God of Grace and God of Glory ” CWM RHONDDA

*Charge and Benediction

DEPART TO SERVE

**Those who are able may stand.*

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: Terrie Mansmann

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

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.

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

The **Session** will meet on Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Those people remembered in the morning prayer last week are:

Jenny, Elizabeth George, Mia George, Regan, Robert, Jack, Beth, Bill & Carol, Scott, Trish White, Maggie, Arlene, Marilyn, Bill & Jean, Jill, Mylan, Joy, Mikey, Kate, Tina, Ma, Sam, Sharon, Leila, Kathryn, Mavis, Brittany, Baby Jack, Jack, family of Norm Webster.

The **Truth & Reconciliation Group** will be reading the book “What If I Say the Wrong Thing? 25 Habits for Culturally Effective People.” Everyone is invited to also read the book which will be provided by that group. To receive a copy, simply sign the sheet on the table in fellowship hall. The book will be read in two sections: Habits 1 to 13, and then Habits 14 through 25. There will be two discussion sessions held after church; one on 11/20 and the other on 1/15. All are welcome to attend. There is no pressure to speak up at the sessions and no one will be put on the spot. You may simply come and listen if you like. The deadline to sign up to receive the book is today.

Outdoor Movie Night – Sat., Sept. 24 at 7:00 p.m.

The movie is “Encanto.” Bring a chair or blanket, invite your neighbors, and enjoy a movie outdoors on the church property.

Sunday, October 23 – 1:00 p.m.

Trip to Grounds for Sculpture - \$10.00 per person. If you would like a ride via the church bus, let Ginger Baker know.

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Janet Macgregor Williams will be leading a **Women’s Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg** from October 28 to 30. The topic will be “representation matters.” So often when we read the Bible it is the voices of the men who wrote it that we hear. But there are women in Scripture, too. Come discover the women of the Bible and their voices. To register to attend go to:

<https://www.campjburg.org/events/womens-fall-retreat/>