**September 25, 2022**

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| **16th Sunday after Pentecost** | **Liturgical Color: Green** |

 

Welcome to the church we love!  As Terre Haute’s first established congregation we maintain a 195-year tradition of service to God.  We pray you will encounter the Spirit in worship with us.

We welcome children of all ages to worship with us throughout the service.  We have placed children's activity bags in front of the railing between the back entrances to the sanctuary.

Following the Children’s Lesson we offer the Children’s Worship program for ages 4 years through first grade.  Children can exit the sanctuary with the adult leaders.

We provide nursery care downstairs at the northeast corner of the building for ages birth through three years.

Please do not hesitate to ask our ushers any questions you may have.  Again, welcome!

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Prayer of the Day

*Living God, through Christ Jesus*

*you crossed the great chasm*

*between the lands of the living and the dead—*

*all for us and for our salvation.*

*Give us the grace to reach out*

*across the divisions of human society*

*to those who are in trouble or need,*

*so that all may know your saving love;*

*through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Order of Worship for the Lord’s Day

*\* Indicates portions of the service for which*

 *we invite all to stand in body or in spirit.*

God’s People Gather

Prelude  *Autumn Blessings*  Chaminade

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Call to Worship

 Leader: We have come together to worship

 the God of light and power,

 who is beyond our understanding.

 **People: Before the brightness of whose presence the angels veil their faces.**

 Leader: With reverence and adoration let us sing God’s praises.

 **All: For God has shown us perfect love**

 **in Jesus Christ, our savior.**

\***Hymn #269** *Lead On, O King Eternal!* lancashire

**God calls us to Confession and Forgiveness**

\*Call to Confession

 Leader: If anyone sins, we have someone who pleads with God:

 **People: Jesus Christ, the righteous one.**

 **And Christ himself is the means**

 **by which our sins are forgiven.**

 Leader: And not our sins only, but also the sins of all who confess them.

 **People: Let us confess our sins before God**

 **and one another.**

\*Confession of Sin

 **Holy and merciful God,**

 **in your presence we confess our sinfulness,**

 **our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned**

 **in wandering from your ways,**

 **in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.**

 **Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways,**

 **for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

 **Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(Pause for silent reflection.)*

*Among baptism’s symbolic meanings is the reminder that Jesus atoned for our sins.  We pour water into the baptismal font just before the Assurance of Pardon to dramatize Jesus’ washing us clean.*

\*Assurance of Pardon

 Leader: Hear the good news!

 If we have died with Christ,

 we believe that we shall also live with him. So you also must consider yourselves

 dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news:

 **People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

 **Praise God!**

\*Response *Gloria Patri* gloria patri

 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.

\***The Peace** *See John 20:19, 21, 26*

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,

let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

The Word of God

**Children’s Lesson**

 *After the lesson, children ages 4 years to 1st grade may leave*

 *to attend Children’s Worship in room 200. Child care is*

 *available for younger children in the nursery (enter through*

 *room 108).*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading** Amos 6:4-7

 Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,

 and lounge on their couches,

 and eat lambs from the flock,

 and calves from the stall;

 who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,

 and like David improvise on instruments of music;

 who drink wine from bowls,

 and anoint themselves with the finest oils,

 but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

 Therefore they shall now be the first

 to go into exile,

 and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

**Anthem**

**Scripture Reading** 1 Timothy 6:6-19

 Of course, there is great gain in godliness

 combined with contentment;

 for we brought nothing into the world,

 so that we can take nothing out of it;

 but if we have food and clothing,

 we will be content with these.

 But those who want to be rich

 fall into temptation and are trapped

 by many senseless and harmful desires

 that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich

 some have wandered away from the faith

 and pierced themselves with many pains.

 But as for you, man of God, shun all this;

 pursue righteousness, godliness, faith,

 love, endurance, gentleness.

 Fight the good fight of the faith;

 take hold of the eternal life,

 to which you were called

 and for which you made the good confession

 in the presence of many witnesses.

 In the presence of God,

 who gives life to all things,

 and of Christ Jesus,

 who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate

 made the good confession, I charge you

 to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—

 he who is the blessed and only Sovereign,

 the King of kings and Lord of lords.

 It is he alone who has immortality

 and dwells in unapproachable light,

 whom no one has ever seen or can see;

 to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

 As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty,

 or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches,

 but rather on God who richly provides us

 with everything for our enjoyment. 1

 They are to do good, to be rich in good works,

 generous, and ready to share,

 thus storing up for themselves the treasure

 of a good foundation for the future,

 so that they may take hold

 of the life that really is life.

**Sermon**  *Aim at Righteousness* Rev. Mike Riggins

God calls us to respond to the Word

\***Hymn #169** *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* rest

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

 from the Heidelberg Catechism (abridged)

 **We can say that through faith alone**

 **we are righteous. Not because we please God**

 **by the worthiness of our faith. It is because**

 **only Christ’s righteousness and holiness
 make us righteous before God, and because**

 **we can accept this righteousness and make it ours in no other way than through faith.**

Prayers of Intercession

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.**

**Offering**

Offertory *Ave Verum*  Mozart

\*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

God’s People Go Out into the World

**\*Hymn #833** *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

 st. margaret

**\* Benediction**

***\** Postlude** *Allegro Vivace* Handel

Liturgist: Jill Conner

Greeters: Phil & Kay Farmer

Host: Kathleen Smith

Sunday Offering Counters:

Sept. 25 – Phillip,

Oct. 2 – Richard, Phil

Oct. 9 – Leanne, Scott

Oct. 16 --

**CALENDAR**

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| Sun. | 9:30 a.m. | Sunday school |
|  | 10:30 a.m. | Worship in sanctuary |
|  | 11:30 a.m. | Fellowship hour  |
|  | 6:00 p.m. | High Point Youth meet at Unity Presbyterian |
| Wed. | 4:30 p.m.  | UCM Dinner at Campus Ministries |
|  | 7:30 p.m. | Bible study and Brew |
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For updated information please consult the main church calendar, which may be found online at our church website ([www.thcpc.org](http://www.thcpc.org)).


 Check us out on Facebook

**Volunteers needed for UCM Dinner**The Mission Committee is continuing our commitment to being a Matthew 25 church and providing dinner for the United Campus Ministries weekly table talk series on September 28th. Volunteers are needed to provide a main entree, green salad and desserts.
To volunteer please contact Molly Wadsworth at 812-243-1642

**Bring a favorite bread next Sunday!**

World Communion Sunday is next Sunday October 2, 2022. The worship commission invites worshippers to bring their favorite bread, perhaps with an international flavor, to enjoy during Fellowship time following worship on October 2nd. See the insert in your bulletin for a list of bread ideas.

**Adult Sunday School is underway!**

We are excited to be offering another Matthew 25 film series adult Sunday School class beginning on Sunday, September 25. This series will focus on systemic poverty and the group will spend about 6 weeks exploring several different films and will meet in the upstairs lounge.
Thank you to Andrew Conner for leading this class!

**Prayer Partner Sunday is October 9**

Prayer partners, please save the date for Sunday, October 9! We will have a fun gathering here at church following worship from 11:45-12:30pm. More info coming soon! Contact Ellie with questions.

**Operation Christmas Child 2022**

Central Presbyterian will be participating in the Operation Christmas Child program again this year. Beginning next Sunday, October 2, boxes will be available in the Fellowship Hall to take a fill. You can purchase items for boys or girls and the boxes will contain a brochure with instructions on how to fill.

Filled boxes need to be returned to church by Sunday, October 30.

**No postage is necessary, our Deacons will be donating to cover all postage costs.**

**Meals for youth**

Highpoint youth will be meeting at Central a few times in October and November. If you would like to provide a meal for the youth please contact Ellie. Meals are served at 6pm and we ask that there be a vegetarian option. Thank you for considering supporting this important part of our church!

Church Staff

Rev. Mike Riggins, Pastor
Mrs. Ellie Templeton, Christian Education Director/

 Communications Coordinator

Mrs. Sarah Kelsheimer, Secretary

Dr. Mark Carlisle, Choir Director

Mr. Steve McCullough, Organist

Mr. Tim Ghogle, Youth Director

Mr. Alvin Stinnett, Caretaker & Bus Driver

**Prayers for the Week**

**Morning**

God of Compassion, God of Peace, God of Justice:
You, O God, are the One who sees the forgotten,
speaks with the Voice of the silenced,
remembers and redeems those who are lost and without hope.
Hear our prayer for the people of Afghanistan.

Help us, God of justice and mercy,

to turn our own anguish into deeds of love and welcome.

Help us not to turn away, nor to forget.

Open our hearts, our doors, our communities,

our churches and neighborhoods

to receive, to honor, and to bless.

Make us instruments of your peace,

for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ,

our Love and our Redeemer.

Amen

   -- Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus,

      Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

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**Evening**

O God, our Creator, we give you thanks

for the unique and diverse gifts

you have endowed upon humanity

the many languages, cultures, customs

and ways to glorify you.

We give you thanks for the sharing

of these gifts by our immigrant neighbors

who are new to our churches and communities.

We give thanks for the intertwining of our lives,

as it is through the sharing of each other’s struggles

and the deep desires of our hearts

that we might discover what you have declared

good and precious.

Amen

   -- Susan Krehbiel,

      Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

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