

Sunday, October 18th, 2020  
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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*"Whose Image?"*

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# Liturgy for Sunday, October 18, 2020

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**We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:** *"O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day." Psalm 96: 1,2*

### Ringling of the Church Bell

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship: Psalm 99 [NIV] (responsive)

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.**

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

**Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

**Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.**

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

**O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy. Amen.

### Prelude

\* Hymn: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" # 381

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

What a debt we owe to you, O God.  
You have given us all things in Christ  
and yet we withhold from you  
the honor and glory that are yours.

### Current Prayer Concerns:

### Collection Plate

A reminder that, until we can resume our normal worship routines, our collection plate is situated on the small table in the center rear of the sanctuary. Thank you.

### Directory Updates:

### Hearing Assistance

Headphones are available at the back of the sanctuary for hearing assistance.

## Calendar, Flowers, and Birthdays ...

Mon-Wed, Oct 19-21	Charis Fellowship Retreat	All Day
Wednesday, Oct 21	Girl Scout Troop #812	6:00 pm
Thursday, Oct 29	New Member Class	6:30 pm
Saturday, Nov 7	Rummage Sale	7:00 am

### Flower Dedications: *Chancel Vase Flowers are given:*

~ In memory of Woodrow Bischler, Nancy Wright's father and the celebration of his birthday with our Lord and Savior on the 23rd. Memories bring smiles to our faces. ~ *Nancy and Rich*

### Birthdays:

Wayne Tucker (October 24th)

### In Gratitude

Sally Bradford wishes to express her heartfelt thanks for the beautiful basket of flowers dedicated to her for her birthday.

*"Our love to God is measured by our everyday fellowship with others and the love it displays." ~ Andrew Murray (19th century South African writer and pastor)*

### New Members Class

On **Thursday, October 29th**, from 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Pastor Dan will be holding a New Members Class for any and all who would like to learn more about First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City, the PCUSA, and our reformed faith. There is a sign-up sheet on the glass table at the back of the sanctuary. We'd love to have you participate!



Instead, we pay tribute to empire,  
plot to entrap the innocent,  
mock your truth with empty praise,  
and put your patience to the test.  
Forgive us, O God, and by your grace  
restore in us the image of your face;  
through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Let the heavens be glad,  
and let the earth rejoice!

Let the sea roar with laughter,  
the fields shout in celebration,  
and the forests sing with joy:  
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God!

### \* Gloria Patri (unison)

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.

### Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Holy One, true and living God,  
through the message of the gospel  
and the power of your Spirit  
make us imitators of the Lord:  
Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

### \* Doxology (unison)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly Hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## 1st Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 [NIV]

Elder Rich Wright

Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace to you.

2 We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. 3 We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

4 For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. 6 You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. 7 And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. 8 The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, 9 for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

## 2nd Scripture Reading: Matthew 22: 15-22 [NIV]

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15 Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. 16 They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. 17 Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light about me be night,"

12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the  
night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light  
with you.

13 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted  
me together in my mother's womb.

14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonder-  
fully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul  
knows it very well.

15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I  
was being made in secret, intricately woven  
in the depths of the earth.

16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in  
your book were written, every one of them, the  
days that were formed for me, when as yet there  
was none of them.

17 How precious to me are your thoughts, O  
God! How vast is the sum of them!

18 If I would count them, they are more  
than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

*Psalms 139: 1-18*

## *Search Me, O God, and Know My Heart*

- 1 O LORD, you have searched me and known me!
- 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 3 You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.
- 5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.
- 7 Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?
- 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

18 But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? 19 Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, 20 and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

21 "Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

22 When they heard this, they were amazed. So, they left him and went away.

### **Time with Children and Youth**

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### **Sermon: "Whose Image?"**

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**\* Hymn "Where He Leads Me" # 373**

### **\* Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

We believe there is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.  
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

Heavenly Father, we come to now praying prayers for our brothers and sisters and for all your people throughout your great creation. We come to you in faith knowing your blessings are endless, your mercy is great.

We lift up those struggling with hunger and homelessness. As the days grow colder, let us not neglect our brothers and sisters in need.

**Lord your blessings are endless. Your mercy is great.**

We lift up those who are unemployed and in need of assistance to feed their children. Let us give of what we have to ease their suffering.

**Lord your blessings are endless. Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who have sinned against us. Let us learn your lessons of forgiveness and reconciliation.

**Lord your blessings are endless. Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those struggling with sickness, depression, addiction, and all other maladies. Specifically, we pray for ....

**Lord your blessings are endless. Your mercy is great.**

We pray for your earth that we may come to our senses and begin to heal that which we have been given and that which we have abused.

**Lord your blessings are endless. Your mercy is great.**

Father God, through you all things are possible and so we pray to you in confidence using the words taught to us by your Son, our Lord and Savior: **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.**

\* Hymn "Abide With Me" # 419 verses 1, 3, & 5

Charge  
Benediction  
Postlude

## Presbyterian Giving - Fishing Boat & Accessories \$1200

In addition to Operation Christmas Child, this season we will also be seeking to broaden our mission work by leveraging the Presbyterian Giving process to help purchase a Fishing Boat and Accessories for a family in need. Increasingly severe weather in areas like the Philippines and the Caribbean can destroy the livelihoods of local fishermen. Your gift of equipment restoration or replacement could create a renewed ability for fishermen to provide for their families. Donations to this effort can be made by check (note Presbyterian Giving in the memo section) or through our Online Giving process. Please submit prior to the end of November.



## Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child has begun! The shoeboxes and packing information are on the round table at the back of the sanctuary. The National Collection Week is November 16-23. Please return your boxes to the church no later than **November 22nd**. You may choose either the cardboard or plastic shoebox on the table.

NOTE: Please make sure you remove ALL packaging before packing your box.

