

*Blessing and Sharing the Peace

* Please stand as you are able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence your electronic devices. If you are visiting please fill out a Welcome card in the pew and return it to the offering plates in the narthex.

Our liturgist for today is Louise Saylor. Next week's liturgist is Glenda Hasty.

Today's **children's church leader** is Ann Johnston. Next week's leader is Melanie Mickleboro.

The **sanctuary flowers** are provided today by Gail Otwell in honor of special friends at Fayette Presbyterian Church.

The **Smart Lunch program** continues this week. Thank you to all who have volunteered to pack lunches or to drive routes. We are looking for some **donations** each week for **food items** for the lunches. Sign up sheets are by the front door if you are interested in making a donation.

We are **updating the church directory** and would like to get current **photos of everyone**. Sundays through **August 18**, you can come before church or stay after church to have photos made. There are signup sheets in the lobby to reserve your time slot.

The **Sunday School class** has started a study of the Gospel of Mark written by Amy Jill Levine and led by Pastor Ally. This study will accompany her sermon series on the Gospel of Mark. Join us in classroom A-2, down the hall from the church office Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. The study will continue through Sunday, September 8.

The **church office hours** are changing for the summer. The office will be open from **8:30-12:30 Mon-Thurs** if you need to reach any office staff.

FAYETTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Ally Lee, Interim Pastor
Jacob Winslett, Director of Music
Dori Johnston, Director of Special Programs
Chris Whitley, Accompanist
Stephanie Dennehy, Office Manager

July 21, 2024



9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship from Psalm 42

Leader: As the deer longs for water from a flowing stream, so too do we long for you, O God.

Congregation: We thirst for God's presence. We thirst and join together to have our cups filled with cool water.

Leader: From our depths, we call out to God, in praise and adoration. In prayer and need.

Congregation: We trust in God's loving-kindness today and rest in the song of Lord at night.

Leader: As we join our hearts and voices in praise, we pray that God will be near and fill us up.

Congregation: We trust in God and give thanks to the One who restores us.

*Song

Forever

CHRIS TOMLIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*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 with end. Amen. Amen.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:1-15

Special Music

Sermon

The Good News

*Hymn #475

Come, Thou Fount of Everything Blessing

*Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Offering

*Doxology #606

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

*Affirmation of Faith from the Belhar Confession

Leader: We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;

People: We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ;

Leader: We believe that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted;

People: We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways;

Leader: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;

People: that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope;

Leader: together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ;

People: that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity;

Prayers of the People

*Hymn #749

Come! Live in the Light