

Service for the Lord's Day

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2017

Look to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Dear Lord, we are your servants. Use us as you see fit for the glory of your kingdom. Amen

Gathering

PRELUDE "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. D. Wood

WELCOME John Hillin

*INTROIT #730 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" (v.1) Scott, 1929

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our refuge and strength, a present help in time of trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the mountains shake and the waters of the sea roar and foam. God is our refuge and strength, bringing the power of love with the dawn of each day.

We are surrounded by a great invisible communion of persons who have shared faithfully as God has shaped and led them.

Therefore, let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, which is life, doing so with our sight focused on Jesus Christ.

Let mutual love continue, never neglecting strangers and those in extreme difficulty.

By the presence and blessing of God's Spirit, we worship now and are led forth to serve. Hallelujah!

*HYMN #730 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" (v.2&3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us humbly confess our sin and failings to God, praying together, first in silence, then aloud together:

SILENT PRAYER (A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Giver and Redeemer of life, we've given resources and emotions to self-serving habits, dreams, and enticements. We've domesticated your purposes and placed them in harnesses to which we desire and prefer to hold the reins. We've deceived ourselves and attempted to find fulfillment at a distance from your vulnerable love. Forgive us all our sin. Transform us –

even in the most ordinary of ways – for discipleship in the way and spirit of Jesus Christ, regardless of the cost, always for the building up of your commonwealth, both of earth and of heaven . . .

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*"Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear, trust, proclaim, and share the heart of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*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.

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Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Habakkuk 3: 17-19

Bibles, p.823/LG. p.1069

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #340

"This Is My Song"

Sibelius, 1899

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Romans 15: 1-7, 13

Bibles, p.153/LG. p.198

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Supporting Others for the Good – In the Direction of Strengthening" Rev. Ted V. Foote, Jr.

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(# 26) What did Jesus do during his life on earth?

He called disciples to follow him. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, blessed children, befriended outcasts, required people to repent, and forgave their sins. He taught people not to fear but to trust always in God. He preached the good news of God's love and gave everyone hope for new life.

(# 35) What is the church?

We are the church: the people who believe the good news about Jesus, who are baptized, and who share in the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace, the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love.

(# 38) What does God's Spirit do for the church?

The Spirit gathers us to worship God, builds us up in faith, hope, and love, and sends us into the world to proclaim the gospel and to work for justice and peace.

—From the PC(USA)'s "A First Catechism" (1998)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Chorale Prelude on 'Dundee'" Willan

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (v.1&2) Chisholm, 1923

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (v.3)

POSTLUDE "God Is So Good" arr. J. Jones

(*) Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

Flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 48th wedding anniversary of John and Lynn Tieken.

Rev. Ted V. Foote, Jr., served as Associate Pastor of San Pedro Presbyterian Church-San Antonio from 1979-1983, and as pastor of FPC-Henderson (1983-1994) of John Calvin Presbyterian-Tulsa, OK (1994-2007), and of FPC-Bryan, TX since 2007. He and Joanie are parents of sons Kendall and Payton, born in Henderson in 1987 and 1991, respectively.

This week's prayers and concerns: Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Patsy Snelgrove, and Sue Williams.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 09/25	Presbyterian Women Meeting	11:30am
Mon. 09/25	Pipeline Deadline	



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

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