

First Presbyterian Church

Lake Charles

16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2023

Welcome

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Exodus 15

+ *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* #281

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah
Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but Thou art mighty
Hold me with Thy powerful hand
Bread of heaven Bread of heaven
Feed me now and ever more Feed me

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through
Strong Deliverer strong Deliverer
Be Thou still my strength and shield
Be Thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee I will ever give to Thee

+ *Ancient of Days* Sadler, Harvill

Blessing and honor glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days
From ev'ry nation all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days

Chorus

Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth
Shall declare Your glory
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne
In worship You will be exalted O God
And Your kingdom shall not pass away
O Ancient of Days

Bridge

Your kingdom shall reign Over all the earth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days
For none can compare To Your matchless worth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days

+ *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* #298

There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea
There's a kindness in God's justice
Which is more than liberty
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgement given

For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of the mind
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind
If our love were but more faithful
We would gladly trust God's word
And our lives reflect thanksgiving
For the goodness of our Lord

Prayer (PLEASE BE SEATED AFTER THE PRAYER)

Time With Children

Prayer Of Confession and Illumination

Scripture *Romans 14:7-12*
Matthew 18:21-35

Special Music: "Clean" Natalie Grant

Message Rev. Chan Willis
"Forgive Us Our Debts, As..."

+ Affirmation of Faith from "Confession of 1967":

"All mankind, good and bad alike, are in the wrong before God and helpless without his forgiveness. Thus all people fall under God's judgment. No one is more subject to that judgment than the one who assumes that he is guiltless before God or morally superior to others. God's love never changes.

In the same love, God took on himself judgment and shameful death in Jesus Christ, to bring mankind to repentance and new life. The Spirit brings God's forgiveness to men, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which all know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no man has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace."

Time of Offering in Service and Prayer

+ *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* #347

Forgive our sins as we forgive
You taught us Lord to pray
But You alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say

How can Your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart

In blazing light Your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew
How trivial debts are owed to us
How great our debt to You

Lord cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease
Then bound to all in bonds of love
Our lives will spread Your peace

Charge and Benediction

***We are so glad you joined us for worship
today! Please come again!***

Opportunities for Worship & Fellowship

Please join us for prayer time each
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.-10:45a.m.,
in the large classroom.



Edie Ausmus will lead prayer time.

**Presbyterian Women's Bible Study & Bag Lunch,
Wednesday, September 27th, Chapter 2
Wednesday, October 11th Chapter 3.
Bag lunch @ Noon & Bible Study @12:30pm**

Ten Thousand Villages Mission Mart will be at the
Gallery Promenade, September 29th, 5pm-9pm.

Saturday, October 7th @8am, 100 Men's Breakfast

**Sunday, October 8 Session Meeting following
worship.**

October 31st, Trunk or Treat...details TBA



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**Rev. Chandler M. Willis, Pastor
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