

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

✦ Anthem *In Thee, O Lord* Jane Marshall
✦ Doxology (sung)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

✦ Prayer of Dedication

HEARING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Congregational Hymn (sung seated) Hymn 727 (vs. 1)

Children’s Message

Congregational Hymn (sung seated) Hymn 727 (vs.2)

SCRIPTURE READINGS John 17: 20-23 NT (p. 105)
Romans 16: 1- 16 NT (p. 154)

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae, so that you may welcome her in the Lord as is fitting for the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a benefactor of many and of myself as well.

Greet Prisca and Aquila, who work with me in Christ Jesus, and who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. Greet also the church in their house.

Greet my beloved Epaphroditus, who was the first convert in Asia for Christ. Greet Mary, who has worked very hard among you.

Greet Andronicus and Junia, my relative who were in prison with me; they are prominent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.

Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. Greet Urbanus, our co-worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys.

Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus. Greet my relative Herodion.

Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus. Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord.

Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; and greet his mother—a mother to me also. Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers and sisters who are with them.

Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

SERMON *Paul’s Beloved in Christ* Deborah H. Klein

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION [A time to reflect upon the implications of scripture and sermon for your life.]

✦ HYMN 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me?*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [An expression of our common hope and purpose.]

Affirmation in Words (unison)

With the whole church, we affirm that we are made in God’s image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit. With people everywhere, we affirm God’s goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong. With all creation, we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life; the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.

Affirmation in Song (sung through twice) *Gloria, Gloria Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Congregational Response:

All are one in Jesus Christ. And for this we praise you.

LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

✦ HYMN 761 *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service*

✦ BLESSING IN WORD [A departing blessing]

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *We All Are One in Mission* 17th-CenturyMelody

BLESSING IN MUSIC [You are encouraged to greet one another, sharing the peace of Christ, or allow the music to aid you in fashioning some final prayers.]

✦ You may stand in body or spirit

Music Notes:

Choir Music: The **choral call to worship**, on a text of unknown authorship, is by the English musician, Thomas Ford (1580-1648). The text:

Almighty God, who hast me brought in safety to the present day, Keep me from sin in heart and thought, and teach me what to do and say. The anthem, by the American composer, Jane Manton Marshall (b. 1924), is a lovely setting of Psalm 71:1-3. The text: In thee, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame! In thy righteousness deliver me and rescue me; Incline thine ear to me and save me! Be thou to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, For thou art my rock and my fortress.

The closing **choral response** is taken from a hymn by the Lutheran pastor and hymn writer, Rusty Edwards (b. 1955) and sung to a melody dating to a 17th-century German collection, harmonized by the English musician, George Woodward (1848-1934). The text:

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ’s love.

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Congregational Hymns: “**For Everyone Born**”(1998), by the noted New Zealand hymn writer, Shirley Erena Murray (b. 1931), affirms the hospitality of God which transcends human barriers. The tune (“For Everyone Born”) was written in 2006 by the American musician, Brian Mann. At the children’s time we sing from “**Will You Let Me Be Your Servant**,” a thoughtful hymn, known as “The Servant Song,” by Richard Gillard (b. 1953), who lives and works in New Zealand. “**Will You Come and Follow Me**” is one of the best known creations of John Bell (b. 1949) and his colleagues of the Iona Community in Scotland. For this striking text, Bell has adapted the old Scottish melody “Kelvingrove.” The choir’s descant is by William McCorkle. “**Called as Partners in Christ’s Service**” is one of the many wonderful texts by the Presbyterian hymn writer, Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008). We sing her words to the tune ‘Beecher’ by John Zundel (1815-1882), a German-born musician who spent most of his life working in New York City churches, including more than thirty years at the historic Plymouth Church, Brooklyn. The choir’s descant is by William McCorkle.

** If you are carrying a cell phone or some other electronic device, please turn it off before worship begins. **

All are invited to attend Coffee & Lemonade Fellowship in Brady Chapel.

Please ask an Usher for assistance with hearing devices & large print bulletins

Announcements & Opportunities

The **keyboardist** is Powell Leitch. Ruth Floyd is **directing** the choir. William McCorkle is on study leave.

The **flowers** are given by Jean Robinson to the Glory of God, who creates all things beautiful.

"Happy Coats-giving": The Roanoke Rescue Mission has an immediate need for clean, gently used coats of ALL sizes for men, women, and children. Coats may be hung in the Murray hallway hooks only until **November 1st**.

Youth Auction and Cook-Off - Thursday, October 26th: Please consider making a donation for the Mac & Cheese Cook-off/Gifts & Talents Auction. Fill out a donation form located in the friendship pads at the end of each pew, and let us know what you're able to donate. All money raised will support another Rise Against Hunger event. Please turn entries into Sarah by **Monday, October 23rd**.

Faith Build: Saturday Oct. 28, 8:30 through about noon. No prior construction experience is necessary, must be at least 16 years old. There is no maximum age! Sign up with Pam Luecke at lueckep@wlu.edu or 463-7860.

Next Sunday, October 29th a **necrology** will be read as part of the Prayers of the People. This reading will include naming the members of our church family who died since this time last year.

Make a difference in the lives of African widows: The Annual Rafiki Sale will be **Saturday, October 28th, 10:00am - 1:00pm** at Grace Presbyterian Church (40 Village Way). The sale will offer handmade crafts, jewelry, bags, baskets, and more, all made by members of the Rafiki Widows Program, and all reasonably priced.

Holy Spirit Video Series: Come learn about the Holy Spirit, the least understood of the three persons of the Trinity. A 25-minute video, by Sinclair Ferguson is being shown in WestFel on Sunday mornings during Sunday School (9:45am) for the next 6 weeks. The October 28th video is entitled "Rivers of Living Waters."

Treats for Troops: Leftover Halloween candy calling your name? Give it away! We're accepting donations for the "Treats for Troops" program. You can leave any leftover candy in the bin in Murray Hall, and the Red Cross Service to Armed Forces will ship it overseas to deployed troops. Everyone deserves a treat!

Sunday Brunch: After the 11:00AM service **today** we will enjoy a Sunday Brunch in Dunlap. Cost - \$6/person; \$16/family; children under 5 & campus students free. Please join us!

Please note - the church will be **closed** on Monday, October 30th in observance of All Saints Day

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN (10/22)	8:45 Informal Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Regular Worship 12:00 Sunday Brunch 2:00 New Elder Training 5:00 LTT 6:00 Youth Group 7:00 Lam Handbells
MON (10/23)	<i>Community Table Dessert Day</i> 9:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry
TUES (10/24)	10:00 Lectio Divina
THURS (10/26)	5:00 Bible Study 5:45 Mac & Cheese Cook-off/Auction 7:30 Adult Choir
SAT (10/28)	8:30 Faith Build - see note 7:30 Rockbridge Symphony
SUN (10/29)	8:45 Informal Worship 9:15 Youth Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Regular Worship 2:00 Explore Class 5:00 LTT 6:00 NO Youth Group 7:00 Lam Handbells

RARA Pantry Item of the month (Oct): Whole Grain Cereal

Following Time with the Children, those in Kindergarten through third grade will be excused to Enrichment. For children ages 3-12, there are folders in the foyer near the elevator with color sheets, puzzles and related worship materials, as well as children's Bibles and books.

The nursery will be available from **8:30am** (for Early Worship attendees) until **12:15pm** - after the final worship service.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
22 October 2017
11:00 AM

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) (Ps. 133 paraphrase)

How very pleasant when we live in unity

It is like precious oil, like fresh mountain dew.

We gather here together with our hearts and voices raised

To God, who's the center of our unity and praise!

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Almighty God, Who Hast Me Brought*
Thomas Ford

WELCOME

PRAYER OF THE DAY

✦ HYMN 769

For Everyone Born

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of mystery, God of life, we imagine that we are capable judges of power and wisdom and goodness. We trust our own standards; we separate and categorize; we mark the performance of others. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, transform our withered imaginations until we yield the judgements we trust to a love we cannot control.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response (responsive)

We are washed in the waters of God's grace.

Thanks be to God.

The Peace (responsive)

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Life of the Church - *Stewardship* - David Dugan