

TAKOMA PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 22, 2023

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Live streamed at 11:00 a.m.



**"GIVE...
TO GOD**

**THE THINGS
THAT ARE
GOD'S."**

MATTHEW 22:21, NRSV

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A Church for All People

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

(*) Indicates those who are able, please stand.



Preparation for Worship

Let the Prelude's music open you to God's presence as we begin worship.

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Arioso

Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome

Opening Prayer (unison)

adapted from Psalm 51

Have mercy on us, O Gracious One, according to your steadfast love.
Forgive all that binds us in fear, that we might radiate love. Look not on our past mistakes but on the aspirations of our hearts. Create in us clean hearts; restore in us the joy of your saving grace, and encourage us with a new spirit. Amen.

Call to Worship

Responsively

In this sacred hour of worship when we name things for what they really are,

We give to God what is God's.

Between the demands of last week and the demands of the one ahead,

We give to God what is God's.

With open hearts and hands and minds, every innate gift from our loving Creator,

We give to God what is God's.

***Hymn 1 Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

Prayer of Confession

Sin tricks and traps us a hundred times a day. So we turn to God, whose work is freedom. Trusting that God will free us from our sin and deliver us to safety; let us confess our sins with courage and hope.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

Creator God, we are commanded to give to you what is branded as yours. But since we cannot see your face, we confess to a miserable confusion. Where is your image printed? Not on our coinage or any of the things we buy in stores.

No, the only place we can see your face is on our neighbor and in the mirror. We're the ones created in your image. And so by your gift of grace and the Power of the Holy Spirit we give ourselves to you: heart, mind, soul, and strength.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news: Our God is a lover of justice who rejoices not in punishment but in redemption. Christ has broken the power of sin and set us free to love. To God be the Glory!

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

***Praise 582 (v.1) Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
(Worshippers on Zoom may unmute themselves and share the peace.)

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination 458

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2x)

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 121

Anthem

Immortal, Invisible

ST. ENIO/PALESTINA
Welsh Melody (1839)
Eric Thiman

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy Justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the trees,
And wither and perish but nought changeth Thee.

Creator all glorious, Creator of Light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.

Walter C. Smith (1824-1908)

Time with Children

Rev. Carolyn Tilley

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon

Render what?

Rev. Carolyn Tilley

*Hymn 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Rev. Carolyn Tilley

*Prayers will be read from the Prayer Book, invited from the congregation
and read from the Zoom "Chat Box".*

Response: God of love, **hear our prayers.**

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

O Holy Trinity of Love,

Holy are you and holy is your name.

May your shalom come and your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us our daily bread,
and forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Walk with us through times of trial and save us from evil.
For the Beloved Community, the power, and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Offering Invitation

Our Beloved God made the heavens, and all the earth belongs to God.
As Jesus taught us let us give to God the things that are God's own.

*The offering plate reminds us of the many contributions
we all make to our church and God's realm.
Please pass it to your neighbor and offer thanks for each other's gift.*

The Offertory

Morning Song

Dennis Eliot

*Doxology 607

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God who we adore. Amen*

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Lord, we dedicate our all to you; not just the money that we no longer call
ours, but our time, thoughts, plans, dreams, and days. It's all yours, O
God. It always was. Help us to rejoice in that. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Schedule for upcoming events

** Zoom events

Monday, October 23, 7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, October 24, 12 p.m.	Virtual Coffee Hour**
Tuesday, October 24, 6:30 p.m.	Green Team Meeting**
Wednesday, October 25, 8:15 p.m.	Presbyterians for Police Transformation**
Sunday, October 29, 11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (<i>hybrid</i>)**
Sunday, October 29, 12:30 p.m.	House (of Worship) Party

+Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, **you are welcome here**. We are pleased you are with us today.

CRM invites you to attend **the George Peck Lynching Memorial Unveiling** today at 3:00 p.m., in Poolesville, MD. This event is sponsored by the Montgomery County Lynching Memorial Project (<https://www.mocolmp.org/>), part of the statewide Maryland Lynching Memorial Project and a designated Community Remembrance Project of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, AL. This is the first historical marker in our county to acknowledge a racial terror lynching. Mr. George Peck was murdered in Poolesville in 1880, one of three lynchings that took place in Montgomery County.

This event will take place at the Poolesville Presbyterian Church across the street from where the lynching took place. (If it rains, the event will be held at the Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church, 17821 Elgin Road.) For more information, watch the trailer at

<https://thethreelyncings.film/#single/0>.

To get more information, please contact Mary Pat Brennan (marypatbrennan@gmail.com) and Sam Kalibala (snkalibala@gmail.com).

+ We need **volunteers to host coffee hour!** Hosting is easy and fun. Help support this important time of fellowship and sharing by signing up to host coffee hour - pick your Sunday and signup using this signup genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BAFAD23A0FDC61-tppc>

Questions contact rogergriffis61@gmail.com or 301-980-4694 Thank you!

+TPPC Bazaar November 4

The TPPC Bazaar is a fun community event that raises funds for Church mission areas and provides goods and services to members of our broader community.

We need your help to make this another great event - here's what you can do to help:

1. **DONATE** some of your unneeded treasures! You can drop off donations at the TPPC gym 4 pm to 8pm Monday October 30 or Wednesday to Friday November 1-3 (or contact the TPPC Office for more options office@takomaparkpc.org, 301-270-5550).
2. **SIGN UP HERE TO HELP OUT!** There are lots of ways to help, such as sorting and arranging donations on tables the week before the Bazaar, helping staff a section from kitchenware to electronics and clothing, and helping pack-up any leftovers at the end of the day. **Sign up here using this signup sheet** or add your name to signup poster in the back of the Sanctuary (questions contact rogergriffis61@gmail.com).
3. **SHARE** information about the Bazaar with your friends and listservs (grab and forward the **general announcement**).

For more information contact Phil Boyer at philboyer60@gmail.com, Jo Hoge, Roger Griffis at rogergriffis61@gmail.com, or the TPPC Office at office@takomaparkpc.org (301-270-5550).

+On Sunday, **November 5**, we'll be celebrating **All Saints Day** when we'll remember friends and family who have passed away over the last year. Their names will be read from the pulpit and the Deacons will have a table ready to display pictures and memories of your loved ones.

+2024 Stewardship Campaign. We enter the fall stewardship season in a spirit of gratitude for God's abundant harvest of peace, justice, and love. God accepts and multiplies whatever we offer to help build the Beloved Community. On **Commitment Sunday on November 12, 2023**, we will make our annual pledges as a community during worship. And afterwards, we will celebrate with a delicious lunch catered by the talented chefs at Crossroads Community Kitchen.

If you can't make it on November 12, please visit the TPPC giving page at <https://www.takomaparkpc.org/give>.

+Thank you for your continued support of TPPC.

As a reminder, there are several ways to give to TPPC. Information on giving, including giving on line, can be found at

<https://www.takomaparkpc.org/give>.

Checks may be mailed to

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If you have questions, please contact **finance@takomaparkpc.org**.

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SESSION

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DEACONS

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