

# 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2024

9:00 a.m.

*Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.*

\*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

## Our Approach to God

Prelude

*Be Still*

Ashley Grote

The Call to Worship

O magnify the Lord with me. Let us praise God's name together! Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

**For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

Let us sing for joy to the Lord. Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**We come before him with thanksgiving. We praise him with music and song.**

\*The Hymn of Praise

*Hear the Good News of Salvation*

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\*The Call to Confession

All of us have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God. Let us, therefore, confess our sins and put off our old selves, for we were created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we thank you that we are all members of one body in Christ. Yet so often we do not act as we should. We are full of bickering. We seek power and importance. We harbor bitterness and anger in our hearts. Our words and attitudes tear down, rather than build up this community. We follow the ways of this world rather than following you. Forgive us, Lord. [Silent Confession.] Merciful God, we ask that you would help us to leave those ways behind and to walk in the way of love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

Jesus Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. It is by grace and through faith that we have been saved. It is the gift of God. Friends, believe this Good News. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

\*The Gloria Patri

*Glory Be to the Father*

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**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.**

The Special Music

*Here I am Lord*

Daniel L. Schutte

Chuck Kemerer - soloist

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The New Testament Reading

Ephesians 4:17-5:2

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The Sermon

*How Are We to Live?*

Pastor Ruth Estell

*As Imitators of God*

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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\*The Hymn

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

see insert

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory

*On the Diapasons*

John Stanley

\*The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,  
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*The Prayer of Dedication

\*The Hymn *Take My Life* 391

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535  
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

\*Postlude *Allegro* John Stanley

\* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

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**Liturgist:** Kitty Myers

**Ushers:** Randy Wierda, Patty Donohue, Scott Peters, and Sayre Nichol

**Greeter:** Cheryl Kelley

**Fellowship Hour:** Linda Poplewski

**Musical Talents:** Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry and Chuck Kemerer, soloist

**The Flowers today are in honor of Thomas Heidenreich** for the appropriate celebration of “My Country Tis’ of Thee” on 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, given by Reid Calcott.

**Thank you to all who helped plan, set up, share food, cook hamburgers and hotdogs and clean up to make the picnic a success.**

## Second Presbyterian Church

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August 11, 2024

*Be ye therefore followers of God,  
as dear children;*

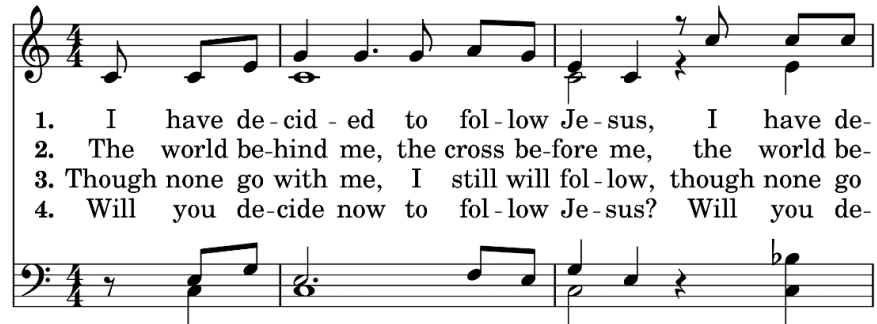


*And walk in love,  
as Christ also hath loved us*

*Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.*

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1. I have de-cid-ed to fol-low Je-sus, I have de-  
 2. The world be-hind me, the cross be-fore me, the world be-  
 3. Though none go with me, I still will fol-low, though none go  
 4. Will you de-cide now to fol-low Je-sus? Will you de-

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6  
 Je - sus— no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.  
 fore me— no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.  
 fol - low— no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.  
 Je - sus?— no turn-ing back, no turn-ing back.

## Announcements and Upcoming Events



Office hours for the week of August 12 will be **Monday through Thursday** 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. As unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church.



You may have noticed that security cameras have been installed around all the entrances to the church. To help keep the building secure, everyone who has a key to the church is going to have a unique code to the alarm system. The code to unlock the inside doors will remain the same.

### If you have a church key, please make note of the following:

By August 21, let Sonia know that you have a church key and inform her what 4-digit code you would like as your unique code for the alarm system. On August 30, these new alarm codes will take effect. Prior to that date, please use the current code. After this date, use your new code to arm/disarm the alarm system. Thank you for helping us to make this transition go smoothly!

### Mission Committee Notes

For the August mission, school supplies will be collected thru August 18. Please keep an eye open for bargains while you're out and about. Thank you!



### Newsletter Correction

Alexander Fowler's new address is:

**E1 Fowler; Alexander J**  
**2nd Platoon: ACES**  
**1-79 FA BN, Delta BTRY, \_ PLT**  
**5970 S. Boundary Road**  
**Fort Sill, OK 73503**

## Ephesians 4:17-5:2      New International Version

<sup>17</sup> So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. <sup>18</sup> They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. <sup>19</sup> Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

<sup>20</sup> That, however, is not the way of life you learned <sup>21</sup> when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. <sup>22</sup> You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; <sup>23</sup> to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

<sup>25</sup> Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. <sup>26</sup> "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, <sup>27</sup> and do not give the devil a foothold. <sup>28</sup> Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

<sup>29</sup> Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. **5** <sup>1</sup> Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children <sup>2</sup> and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.