

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 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 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heaven Wood

The Call to Worship

Let us praise the Lord! God is merciful and gracious. His faithfulness can be seen down through the ages.

We praise God for his mighty acts, for all that he has done for his people.

God's faithfulness continues even today. His steadfast love never ends.

We praise God as we experience his presence, guidance, and provision in our lives.

God's faithfulness continues through all generations. Our hope is in the Lord.

We praise God, for his promises will never fail. Blessed be the name of the Lord God Almighty!

*The Hymn of Praise *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* 210

*The Call to Confession

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Let us, therefore, confess our sins to the Lord so that we might receive forgiveness.

*The Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. You alone know the sin in our hearts. Forgive us when we fail to remember and give thanks for all you have done for us. Forgive us for taking your sacrifice of love for granted. Forgive us for failing to acknowledge you in our daily lives, only turning to you when we need help.

Forgive us for failing to trust you with our future, for doubting that all your promises to us will be fulfilled. According to your great compassion, have mercy on us and forgive our sins. [Silent confession.] Lord, we thank you for your mercy, love, and faithfulness. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Let us put our hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is forgiveness. Hear this good news. In Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* 579

**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 Morning Has Broken Rhatt Barnwell
Pastor Ruth Estell - harp

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-17 page 340 OT

The Psalm Psalms 89:1-2, 19-37 page 653 OT

The Sermon God's Message to David Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) hymnal, page 14

*The Hymn *God of Our Life* 275

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 Panis Angelicus Franct

*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 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy* 430

*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 Recessional on "St. Anne" Young

* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Liturgist: Meredith Main

Ushers: Pete & Ginny Brucker, Fred Herter, and Larry Smith

Greeter: Sandra Rease

Fellowship Hour: Sandra Rease

Musical Talents: Laurel Taipale – organist and Pastor Ruth Estell - harp

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Morning Has Broken

Gaelic Hymn Tune, arranged by Rhett Barnwell.

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Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area for refreshments and fellowship.

Second Presbyterian Church

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events



Office hours for the week of July 21 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. **Pastor Ruth will be on study leave July 22 – 29. Rev. Jim Neumann will preach and serve communion on Sunday, July 28.**

Mission Committee Notes

For the July and August mission, school supplies will be collected, so you may begin keeping an eye open for bargains while you're out and about. Thank you!



Care – Pairs

Care - Pairs is a system where we can pair two people together to simply make a phone call to check on each other. The sign-up sheet is in the gathering area if you are interested in this program. If you want to know more, either take an information sheet or call Ruth Anderson @ 989-401-1908 or 989-225-1620.



The sign-up sheets are out! A picnic is planned for Sunday August 4 @ 1:00. We have booked and paid for the pavilion at **Wickes Park on Hospital Rd.** (The pavilion at the McCarty entrance is reserved by someone else, so please be sure to enter from Hospital Rd.) The church will provide

hotdogs and hamburgers; you just bring a dish to pass.

Communion Sunday

Next Sunday, July 28, communion will be celebrated during the worship service. We hold an open communion at Second Presbyterian Church which means all believing Christians are welcome to participate.



We also invite you to bring non-perishable food items for **The Ecumenical Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church.** We do so knowing that it is our privilege to feed the hungry and care for the poor as we are fed and sustained by the grace of God.

To contact a member of staff, please feel free to either call the office @ 989-792-1023 or email:

- Sonia Hoepfner – secretary@spcsaginaw.org
- Adam Engel – adam@spcsaginaw.org
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- Carol Poole – call the office

*Please change the church email address in your contact list to secretary@spcsaginaw.org. The secondpres@spcglobal.net is no longer an active email address.

Rescue Mission Lunches

Saturday, **August 3**, please join us in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the church kitchen to visit and share in the work of making sandwiches and lunches for those struggling with hunger. Many hands make light work!



The sign-up sheets are out for liturgist, greeters, ushers, and fellowship hour hosts for July and August. Please consider helping on Sunday mornings.

2 Samuel 7:1-17 New International Version

7 After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, **2** he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent." **3** Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you."

4 But that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying:

5 "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in?' **6** I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. **7** Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?'"

8 "Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. **9** I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. **10** And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning **11** and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

"The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: **12** When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. **13** He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. **14** I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. **15** But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. **16** Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.'" **17** Nathan reported to David all the words of this entire revelation.

Psalms 89:1-2 New International Version

1 I will sing of the LORD's great love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
through all generations.

2 I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

Psalms 89:19-37 New International Version

19 Once you spoke in a vision,
to your faithful people you said:
"I have bestowed strength on a warrior;
I have raised up a young man from among the people.

20 I have found David my servant;
with my sacred oil I have anointed him.

²¹ My hand will sustain him;
surely my arm will strengthen him.

²² The enemy will not get the better of him;
the wicked will not oppress him.

²³ I will crush his foes before him
and strike down his adversaries.

²⁴ My faithful love will be with him,
and through my name his horn[Ⓜ] will be exalted.

²⁵ I will set his hand over the sea,
his right hand over the rivers.

²⁶ He will call out to me, 'You are my Father,
my God, the Rock my Savior.'

²⁷ And I will appoint him to be my firstborn,
the most exalted of the kings of the earth.

²⁸ I will maintain my love to him forever,
and my covenant with him will never fail.

²⁹ I will establish his line forever,
his throne as long as the heavens endure.

³⁰ "If his sons forsake my law
and do not follow my statutes,
³¹ if they violate my decrees
and fail to keep my commands,
³² I will punish their sin with the rod,
their iniquity with flogging;
³³ but I will not take my love from him,
nor will I ever betray my faithfulness.

³⁴ I will not violate my covenant
or alter what my lips have uttered.

³⁵ Once for all, I have sworn by my holiness—
and I will not lie to David—
³⁶ that his line will continue forever
and his throne endure before me like the sun;
³⁷ it will be established forever like the moon,
the faithful witness in the sky."