



OLD TENNENT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FOUNDED IN 1692

Old Tennent Church
August 7, 2022
9:30 A.M.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Based on Hebrews 11)*

L: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things not seen.

P: Like Abraham, let us follow God, even when we don't know where we are going.

L: By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

P: Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us.

***Hymn #454**..... "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"
(Blue hymnal)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sin shuts us down and stops us short of hearing of God's Word. Let us open ourselves to hearing God's truth and free ourselves to follow God's path.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of Hope and Promise, we confess we do not always believe. We confess our questions and complaints catch up to us. We cannot understand our suffering and the suffering of others. Forgive us when we give up on you and ourselves. Return and restore us to right relationship. Help us to not disengage but remain steadfast in faithful dialogues of grace. Amen.

(time of silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God’s grace is given freely. God’s love is steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven, and live liberated from sin to the glory of God. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father
and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ Be With You.
And also with you.

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Your Word guides every step of our journey, God. Help us be attentive to your Word read and proclaimed today, so we can hear your message and act according to your will. Amen.

HEARING SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

Second Reading Luke 12:32-40

(At the conclusion:)

This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

“DON’T BE AFRIAD, TRUST GOD, HAVE FAITH”
Rev. Jessica Dixon

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From “A Brief Statement of Faith”)**

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,

accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

***HYMN #379:** *"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"*
(Blue hymnal)

PASTORAL PRAYER
***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING (*From 2Corinthians 9:7*)
"God loves a cheerful giver." Let us present our tithes and offerings to God.

***DOXOLOGY**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
God of abundance, everything we have is on loan from you. Help us be good stewards of all your precious resources. Bless these gifts we give in return that they might, in turn, be a blessing to others. Amen.

***HYMN #535** *"Go With Us, Lord"*
(Blue hymnal)

BLESSING AND SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOUP AND STUDY—THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Wednesday at 12:00 pm, Old Scots Hall.
Please bring a bagged lunch.

CALLED SESSION

August 14th

RALLY DAY and CHURCH PICNIC

September 11th

OFFERING UPDATE

Actual Weekly Cost: \$3,827.00

Minimum Needed: Pledges and Plate to Meet Budget: \$1,526.00 (*non-endowment income*).

July 31, 2022	\$2,407.75
July 24, 2022	\$740.50
July 17, 2022	\$723.00
July 10, 2022	\$726.00
July 3, 2022	\$1,042.00
June 26, 2022	\$715.00

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ✝ Please pray for Bob McLean
- ✝ Members of our church who are experiencing health issues.
- ✝ Please continue your prayers for those who could not be with us today.
- ✝ Prayers for peace



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