



**OLD TENNENT**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
FOUNDED IN 1692

**Old Tennent Church**  
**Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**September 10, 2023**  
*11:00 A.M.*

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

**P:** **This day is God's gift to us.**

**L:** Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

**P:** **God has graciously gathered us together in this place.**

**L:** Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

**P:** **God is good and faithful. God is our worthy of our praise.**

**\*Hymn #457** ..... "Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"  
(Blue Hymnal)

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own**

**shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would us be. Amen.**

*(Time of Silence)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news!

**P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*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**

L: The Peace of Christ Be With You.

**P: And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.**

**HEARING SCRIPTURE**

First Reading: ..... Psalm 119:33-40

Second Reading ..... Romans 13:8-14

*(At the conclusion:)*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON: "PUT ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST"**

Rev. Fred Whitehurst

**HYMN #326** ..... "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"  
*(Blue Hymnal)*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from "The Brief Statement of Faith PC (USA))*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

#### **\*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.**

#### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #420** ..... "God of Grace and God of Glory"  
*(Blue Hymnal)*

## **BLESSING AND SENDING**

#### **\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE—*"Awesome God"***

**Our God is an awesome God  
He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom pow'r and love  
Our God is an awesome God [Repeat]**  
*CCLI Song #41099 CCLI License #2745219T*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PLEASE NOTE: We will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages on Rally Day (Sept. 17th). A sign-up sheet is available on to sign up for side dishes and desserts.**

### SEPTEMBER

17th: Rally Day

### OCTOBER

Wednesdays at 12:00—Bible Study

29th—Heritage Sunday

### OFFERING UPDATE

Actual Weekly Cost: \$3,827.00

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

September 3, 2023 .....	\$998.00
August 27, 2023 .....	\$1,449.48
August 20, 2023 .....	\$800.00
August 13, 2023 .....	\$795.00
August 6, 2023 .....	\$1,640.00

Date	Liturgist	Counters	COMMUNION	Head Usher	Usher	Greeter
9/10	Eda	Gary & Charlie		Tony	Constance	Sarah S.
9/17	Joyce	Joyce		Gary	Steve M.	Doris
9/24	Leni	Joanne & Leni		Joyce	Lorraine	Virginia



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