



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

**Old Tennent Church**  
**September 3, 2023**  
*9:30 A.M.*

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 124)*

L: We gather hoping to see God,

**P: here in worship, we realize that we see God in one another.**

L: We can see God

**P: when we show one another honor,**

L: when we pursue hospitality to strangers,

**P: when we live in harmony with one another,**

L: when we rejoice in hope.

**P: Let us worship the visible God amongst us.**

**\*Hymn** ..... *"My Life Flows On"*  
*(Please see Insert)*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of love, you ask us to love one another from the center of who we are, you tell us to bless one another, you encourage us to do good. But we have not listened to your words, instead of loving we have practiced hatred, instead of blessing, we have perfected cursing, instead of doing good, we have sought to get even. Forgive us for giving up. Give us grace to try again, and encouragement to make your ways, our ways. We pray, we wait, and we hope.**

*(Time of Silence)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*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**

**O Holy Creator, you spoke all of creation into being, we ask that you keep speaking to us now. Speak to us as we read Scripture, that we might hear your voice ringing clear and concise through the many voices around us. Speak to us, that we might hear and understand. Amen.**

**HEARING SCRIPTURE**

First Reading: ..... Exodus 3:1-15  
Second Reading ..... Romans 12:9-21  
Third Reading ..... Matthew 16:21-28

(At the conclusion:)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON:**

**"TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY"**  
Rev. Jessica Ebner-Dixon

**\*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.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of 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.**

**\*HYMN #356** ..... "Canticle of the Turning"  
(Please see Insert)

## **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**

**Gift-giving God, we bring you what we can offer, our time, our talents, our finances, our very selves, in the hope that what we bring, you might magnify, and multiply, for the work of your love in the world. Amen.**

### **\*COMMUNION INVITATION**

Sharing the Meal

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (BY Joanna Harader)

**L:** Holy, gracious, God, here at this table your promise of life is made tangible.

**P:** **We have rested in the depth of your love; we have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence; we accept you into our bodies, into our lives.  
Together, at this table, you have offered us life. Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer. And we give you thanks.**

**\*HYMN #304** ..... "Jesus Loves Me"

## **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 will be available on 8/27 to sign up for side dishes and desserts.**

### SEPTEMBER

10th Back to 11:00!  
17th Rally Day

### OCTOBER

Bible Study—12:00

### OFFERING UPDATE

Actual Weekly Cost: \$3,827.00  
Minimum Needed: Pledges and Plate to Meet Budget: \$1,526.00 (*non-endowment income*).

August 27, 2023 .....	\$1,449.48
August 20, 2023 .....	\$800.00
August 13, 2023 .....	\$795.00
August 6, 2023 .....	\$1,640.00
July 30, 2023 .....	\$1,045.00

Date	Liturgist	Counters	COMMUNION	Head Usher	Usher	Greeter
9/3		Joanne & Leni	Joanne & Janis	Joyce	Steve C.	Virginia
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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