

ALL SAINTS Presbyterian Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2023

OUR LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

Membership of the Staalsen family

† *Pastor.* Let us worship God! We are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Let us give thanks to the Lord.

Congregation: We give thanks to the Lord.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.

Psalm 145:1-2



Lift up your hearts...

We lift them up to the Lord!

† COLLECT & LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts,**

**as we have forgiven our debtors
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever.**

Amen.

† **Congregational Singing**

Holy, Holy, Holy!—305

OUR LORD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

A Corporate Reading of Our Lord's Instruction

**Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
for brothers to dwell together in unity!**

**It is like the precious oil upon the head,
coming down upon the beard, even Aaron's
beard, coming down upon the edge of his
robes.**

**It is like the dew of Hermon coming down
upon the mountains of Zion; for there the
LORD commanded the blessing—life forever.**

Psalm 133



AN INVITATION TO CONFESS
OUR SINS:

‡ CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
We Confess Our Sins, Together & Individually

Heavenly Father, we are in need of Your mercy and abundant pardon. We come to You through Jesus because our sins are great and because Your mercies are sure. As Your children, we have not humbled ourselves as we ought. We have not cheerfully followed Your guidance. We have fought for our own ways, instead of following Your ways. We have not given preference to others in honor. We have been prideful. We have been slow to pursue, and at times refused, reconciliation. In Your kindness, expose and convict us for any discord and strife we have caused. By Your Holy Spirit, convict us of our sin and renew us in Your ways. Hear and forgive, as we continue in prayer, confessing our sins...

[We pause in prayer, and then conclude together...]

O Lord, we give You thanks for Your kindness and abundant pardon; provided through Your Son who has died for us, taking the penalty which was our due, and You have received us in Him. Now grant, most merciful Lord, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, and this to the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*—415

† ABSOLUTION: Our Assurance of Forgiveness is declared
“In the Name of God the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit”
“Thanks be to God!”

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *I Waited for the LORD* [Psalm 40]—74



THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We join together praying for the church, one another, and the world

OUR LORD TEACHES US FROM HIS WORD

Scripture Lesson from
the Old Testament
Genesis 11:10-32

Scripture Lesson from
the Epistles
1 Corinthians 4:8-21

“This is the Word of the Lord”
“Thanks be to God!”

† Gospel Lesson—Luke 18:1-8

“This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ”
“Praise be to Christ!”

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Gloria Patri*—436

Sermon Text
Acts 2:14-21

Sermon
Building Christian Nations
Pastor Steve Jeffery

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *What Wondrous Love Is This* —335

‡ The congregation is invited to kneel

† The congregation is invited to stand

IN GRATEFUL RESPONSE

We Present the Lord's Tithes & Our Offerings

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *The Doxology*
As the offering is brought forward, we lift our hearts, hands, and voices in thankful praise...

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

OUR LORD INVITES US TO HIS TABLE

2 Timothy 2:19; 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

† *Pastor*: Christians, we confess this as true,

“The solid foundation of God stands, having this seal:

“**The Lord knows those who are His,**” and,

“**Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.**”

For Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us.

**Let us keep the feast, not with the leaven of malice and wickedness,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

The gifts of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God!

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them up to the Lord!

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We commune with the Lord & with one another

The Lord's Supper should not be observed in individual homes.

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Lead On, O King Eternal*—insert

OUR LORD COMMISSIONS US

† Benediction & Singing

Bind unto Myself Today (St. Patrick's Breastplate)— 351-352 (verses 8 & 9)

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the name,
The strong name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One, and One in Three.
Of whom all nature hath creation;
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
Salvation is of Christ the Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

TODAY

New Members – The Staalsen family will be presented for membership just prior to our service.

Forum – After worship, all are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for an informal time of fellowship and Q & A regarding our church, the service, and/or the sermon. Coffee will be available. We'll finish no later than 1:30 p.m. with some quick cleanup.

Please note: Overflow seating is in the Fellowship Hall. The Parlor has been converted to our nursery with many comfortable rockers available for nursing mothers and is reserved for ladies only.

THIS WEEK

Midweek at All Saints – A New Shape for Wednesday Evenings!

Join us in the Fellowship Hall Wednesday evenings for a meal, a time of singing, and Bible study. Please refer to the email and sign-up sent earlier this week to RSVP for dinner. Contact Pastor Shaw with any questions.

5:30 - 6:15 p.m. – Dinner provided by the church

6:15 - 7:00 p.m. – Understanding the Psalms, led by Pastor Jeffery

7:00 - 7:45 p.m. – Learn to Sing Your Part, led by Nathan Whittlesey

NEXT SUNDAY

Prayer for and Blessing of the Children – Just before the end of our service next Sunday, we will invite the children (about 12 and younger) forward for a special time of prayer, encouragement, and blessing.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

External Ministers Visiting – Sunday, October 1st, two of our supported external ministers, Jan Prorok and Kip' Chelashaw, will be visiting us. Pastor Prorok will fill our pulpit, but both men will have an opportunity to share their work at a special Forum following worship where refreshments will be served. We hope you will plan to join us for this special forum to hear about the work the Lord is doing around the world.

Men's Discipleship Breakfast – Saturday, October 7th, 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall – Open to all men, young and old. Come for 90 minutes of great fellowship, food, teaching, and encouragement. More details to follow.

Reformation Celebration – Saturday, October 28th, from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. – We've reserved the Jones Barn in Cleburne for our Reformation Celebration. You won't want to miss this festive celebration! Details coming soon.



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ADORATION

Holy, Holy, Holy!

NICAEA (11 12. 12 10)
John B. Dykes, 1861

Reginald Heber, 1826

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee.
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Psalm 51:10-12

From a melody by J. A. Freylinghausen, 1704
adapted, Harold W. Gilbert

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence: and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with Thy free Spir - it."

Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI (Irreg.)
Charles Meineke, 1844

2nd century

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

The first system of musical notation for 'Gloria Patri'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the'. The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal line with lyrics: 'Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er'. The bass staff continues the piano accompaniment.

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The third and final system of musical notation. The treble staff concludes the vocal line with lyrics: 'shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.'. The bass staff concludes the piano accompaniment with a final chord.

ADORATION

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDRIOUS LOVE (12 9. 6 6. 12 9)
 William Walker's *The Southern Harmony*, 1843

American folk hymn

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing; To
 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To God and to the
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm

this That caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
 Lamb, Who is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
 free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!

Lead On, O King Eternal

KINGS LYNN (7 6. 7 6. D.)

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Ernest Warburton Shurtleff, 1888

Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, The day of march has come;
Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: We fol - low not with fears,

Hence - forth in fields of con - quest Thy tents shall be our home:
And ho - li - ness shall whis - per The sweet A - men of peace;
For glad-ness breaks like mor - ning Wher - e'er Thy face ap - pears:

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion Thy grace has made us strong,
For not with swords loud clash-ing, Nor roll of stir - ring drums,
Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; We jour-ney in its light;

And now, O King e - ter - nal, We lift our bat - tle song.
But deeds of love and mer - cy, The heav'n - ly king-dom comes.
The crown a - waits the con - quest; Lead on, O God of might.