

October 23rd, 2022

*Our PCAS Vision: "To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning,
and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."*

Order of Worship

*(*Please rise in body and/or spirit)*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude The Gift of Love

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love;
My words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
O come spirit, come, let inward love, let love guide every deed.
By this we worship, we are freed.

Amen.

*Call to Worship

Leader: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side – let us say together:

People: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,

Leader: we would have been swallowed up alive. But such is not the case!

People: Blessed be the Lord, who is our rock and our redeemer!

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, in whose name is our help!

People: Blessed be the Lord, who made heaven and earth!

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn #645 Sing Praise to God

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled
and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might,
lo!, all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away,
but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

Thus all my toilsome way along,
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

Call to Confession

Leader: We are brave to confess our sin to God because we trust God to hear us with compassion and guide us in love. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God our refuge,

We run to you for sanctuary, for protection from the evils we perceive around us. You shelter us. We confess we have not yet fully learned to shelter others, to create safe and welcoming spaces that demonstrate your love and show your grace. We find it tiresome to learn new ways of speaking that include expansive language for all of God's people. Often it's one task too many to incorporate those who need accommodations into our midst. We pray for growth in compassion. May we be inspired by the way Jesus gave spiritual shelter to all in his path. Amen.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Family of God – hear this good news: God's mercy is boundless, and God's love is beyond all understanding. God has already forgiven you, and is calling on you again to serve each other, to build the Kingdom, and to celebrate your ties with one another.

People: Praise be to God! Amen

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 121

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn 45 I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes

I to the hills will lift my eyes.
From whence shall come my aid?
My help is from the Lord alone,
who heaven and earth has made.

God will not let your foot be moved,
your guardian never sleeps.
God's watchful and unslumbering care
protects and safely keeps.

Your faithful keeper is the Lord,
your shelter and your shade.
'Neath sun or moon, by day or night,
you shall not be afraid.

From evil God will keep you safe,
provide for all you need.
Your going out, your coming in,
God will forever lead

Second Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 6:10-17

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Sermon **“Safe with God ”**

Offering

Offertory Like a River In My Soul

I've got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow.
When the world closes in, feel the stillness within.
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean, endless ocean, deep and full.
When you're lost and alone, let the waves bring you home.
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain in my soul,
like a fountain in my soul.
When your hope nearly dies,
just remember once again you shall rise!
I've got joy like a fountain, love like an ocean,
peace like a river in my soul.

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers
no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!

*Benediction

Postlude

My Tribute

Arr. Fred Brock

*Flowers are dedicated in loving memory of Audrey Semple,
a faithful Deacon, by her husband Barry*

*Project SING! - We welcome the ladies participating in
the Project SING! and thank them for sharing their vocal
talents with us today.*

Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	David Apy
Organist:	Marcello Velame
Musicians:	Project SING
Ushers:	Steve Aquilina
	Andy Wolf
Zoom Hosts:	John Palframan
	Jim Wright
Coffee Hour:	Stewardship

Church Staff

Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening
Director of Music Ministries:	Marcello Velame
Sexton:	Douglas Silk
Office Administrator:	Diane Suarez



On Sunday, October 23, during Coffee Hour, you are invited to a presentation on the document, Five Wishes. Five Wishes allows you to state how you would like to be treated at a time when you may not be able to speak for yourself. It serves as a 'living Will' but covers more than the basic physical and legal aspects, it gives one the opportunity to address spiritual and personal issues as well. Any one of us could be incapacitated at any time, so this is not just for the senior members among us!

Our presenter will be Church member, Joel Davies who is also an elder law attorney. Every one registering to attend will receive the Five Wishes document. We ask you to register by calling the Church Office (732 747-3557) or emailing (pcas@verizon.net). If you can not attend in person and would like a copy of the materials, please reach out to the church office.

Meeting Schedule Week of October 23th

23	OCT, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Choir Practice (Social Room)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 11:15am – 1:15pm	5 Wishes presentation (FH)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)
26	OCT, WED	● 9:30 – 11am	Mission Belles (TR)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
27	OCT, THU	● 4:45 – 5:45pm	Yoga Small Group (FH)
		● 6 – 7pm	Bells (Social Room)
29	OCT, SAT	● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
30	OCT, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Choir Practice (Social Room)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 11:15am – 12:15pm	Trunk or Treat (FH parking lot)
		● 3 – 6pm	Mosaic (FH)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)

Please join us for the 3rd annual

TRUNK OR TREAT



WHEN: Sunday October 30, 2022 after Church Service
(Coffee hour will be in the back lot during the event)

WHERE: Parking Lot behind Church House
(Please park trunk or treat cars in lot before service)

KIDS: WEAR YOUR BEST COSTUME

ADULTS: DECORATE YOUR CAR &
BRING YOUR BEST TREATS
OR BRING A CHAIR TO JUST
WATCH THE FUN!



Goodies & Games for All!
Prize for
Best Decorated Vehicle!