

# October 30th, 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

Minute for Stewardship: Shining God's Light - John Tortora

Prelude        I Sing a Song of the Saints of God        Arr Douglas Wagner  
played by Jubilee Bells

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We have gathered in God's holy presence, the One who etches grace on our hearts.

**People: This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.**

Leader: We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

**People: This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.**

Leader: We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God's persistence in saving us.

**People: This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.**

\*Hymn #20                      All Things Bright and Beautiful

*Refrain:*

*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors,  
God made their tiny wings. *[Refrain]*

The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky; *[Refrain]*

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
God made them, every one. *[Refrain]*

God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well. *[Refrain]*

#### Call to Confession

Leader: Knowing that at times we take God for granted, let us pray together, reconciling our relationship with the one who is our creator, sustainer, and redeemer.

#### **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**God of undeserved mercies,  
Often we forget that the grace we enjoy from you is a  
sacrifice you make out of love for us. We fall into assuming that  
your grace flows without effort, without thought. We take for  
granted what is, in fact, a very precious gift to be giving away, for  
you give away your own heart, your own Son, your own Spirit. We  
ask forgiveness for the times we have not treasured your grace,  
and have misunderstood it. Give us new understanding of your  
grace which lies at the center of our faith, our relationship with  
you and with neighbor. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

**Kyrie, kyrie eleison, (Lord, have mercy)**

**Kyrie, kyrie eleison.**

**Christe, Christe eleison, (Christ, have mercy)**

**Christe, Christe eleison.**

**Kyrie, kyrie eleison,**

**Kyrie, kyrie eleison, eleison.**

## **Moment for Silent Reflection**

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The very nature of God's grace is that God gives it before we even realize we need it. By faith we are able to welcome the gift of God's grace. This is a good news moment because the church's proclamation of God's grace has just set you up to exercise your faith or venture into faith for the first time. Believe in God's radical generosity and undeserved mercy for yourself and for the world, and be at peace.

### Gloria Patri #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

### Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson      Deuteronomy 8:11-17

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 #649      Amazing Grace (verses 1- 4)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

Second Scripture Lesson      Ephesians 2:1-9  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Sermon      **"There But for the Grace of God?"**

Offering  
Offertory

A Joyful Psalm

Michael Helman  
played by Jubilee Bells

\*Doxology  
\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #475    Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee:  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

\*Benediction

Postlude

Grand Celebration

Derek K. Hayes  
played by Jubilee Bells

### **Worship Leaders**

<b>Liturgist:</b>	<b>Diane Suarez</b>
<b>Minute for Stewardship</b>	<b>John Tortora</b>
<b>Organist:</b>	<b>Marcello Velame</b>
<b>Musicians:</b>	<b>Jubilee Bells</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Diane Suarez</b>
	<b>Jim Wright</b>
<b>Zoom Hosts:</b>	<b>John Palframan</b>
	<b>Jim Wright</b>
<b>Coffee Hour:</b>	<b>Facilities Management</b>

### **Church Staff**

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

## Worship Announcements

Sunday, November 6th will include a commemoration of All Saints. We will have a prayerful opportunity in worship to remember church members and friends and loved ones passed on to eternal life in the past year.

We look forward to hearing from three of our members who will share their stories of how God is shining a light through PCAS on Oct. 30, Nov. 6, and Nov. 13th.

We are excited to be celebrating a baptism on Nov. 20th!

We look forward to our annual interfaith Thanksgiving Eve service with Monmouth Reform Temple on November 23rd at 8:00pm.

And then we're in Advent!

## Zoom Bible Study

Join us Tuesdays, November 1, 8, 15, and 22 for an exploration of the "Seven Signs" performed by Jesus in John's gospel.

John's gospel is structured around these signs, which each reveal a different aspect of Jesus's identity and mission.

We meet from 9am-10:15am on Zoom, led by Pastor Katja. You are welcome to join us anytime for engaging conversation.

A weekly reading and study guide are distributed via email. Please let the church office know if you'd like to receive those.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87686705631>

Eatontown Food Co-op/pantry is currently putting together Thanksgiving Food baskets for those in need.

They are short on some items:

\*Boxed stuffing \* boxed mashed potatoes

\*canned sweet potatoes \* Jiffy corn muffin mix



If you can donate any of these items, please bring them to the Church House by November 7th so they can be delivered in time for the Food Co-op to distribute before Thanksgiving.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!



## *Christmas Bazaar 2022 at PCAS*

**Saturday, December 3, 2022**  
9:30 – 2:00 pm

Now is the time to start preparing for the 2022 Christmas Bazaar!! You can drop off items for donation now. Please leave items in the following places:

- \* *new or nearly new Christmas items and gift items* in the Terrace Room in the PW closet on the left under the clock (no \$.25 items please),
- \* *jewelry* goes to the Church Office (by Nov 20<sup>th</sup> please),
- \* *accessories and throws* belong in the box in the Church House foyer,
- \* *toys* go to the coat closet in Fellowship Hall foyer,

Please say YES when you are asked to help or better yet just VOLUNTEER!! We will be happy to let you know where we have needs that you might enjoy filling for the Christmas Bazaar.

Bazaar Chairpersons: *Nancy Vodhanel, [nvodhanel@gmail.com](mailto:nvodhanel@gmail.com) or 732-530-7641 and Linda Talerico [lindat1140@gmail.com](mailto:lindat1140@gmail.com) or 732-556-7305 Contact us for information or to volunteer.*

## Meeting Schedule Week of October 30th

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)

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31	OCT, MON	● 12 – 4pm	Queen of Hearts Duplicate Bridge (FH)
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2	NOV, WED	● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
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3	NOV, THU	● 4:45 – 5:45pm	Yoga Small Group (FH)
		● 6 – 7pm	Bells ( Social Room)

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5	NOV, SAT	● 8 – 9:30am	Men's Group (offsite)
		● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)

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6	NOV, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Choir Practice (Social Room)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday School
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 11:30am – 12:30pm	Deacon's Meeting (TR)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)