

# September 25th, 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    Morning Has Broken

Setting by Charles Callahan

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 146:1-2, 7-10)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God all my life long ...  
who made heaven and earth, the sea,  
and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**

Leader: who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

**People: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.  
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous.**

Leader: The Lord watches over the strangers;  
God upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.

**People: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion,  
for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn #17    Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!

Sing praise to God, you heavens! Sing praise, each shining light!  
Sing, planets in your orbits; sing, stars all burning bright!  
Sing praise, you winds and tempests, you driving rain and snow!  
Sing, clouds that race and billow and shadow earth below!

Sing praise, O earth, sing praises! Sing praises, hill and plain,  
you mountains thrusting skyward, you valleys ripe with grain!  
Sing praise, each fragrant flower; your fairest hues display.  
Sing praise, you trees of autumn in glowing glad array!

Sing praises, all you creatures in whom God takes delight:  
you whales that roam the oceans, you eagles in your flight!  
Sing praise you sheep on hillsides, you cattle in the stall!  
Though wordless, sing your praises to God who made you all!

Sing praises now, God's people; your gift of speech employ  
to praise the Lord, your Maker, with thankfulness and joy!  
Sing with the whole creation; a cosmic chorus raise:  
"To God alone be glory and everlasting praise!"

### Call to Confession

Leader: Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! Let us then confess our sin to our God, who has made us, who knows us, and who loves us. Let us pray

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

**Holy God, giver of all that is good, we recognize that you are the source of all that is. The breath of life is a gift from your generous hand. The food we eat is grown in the world you sustain. The community that supports us is called into being by your saving activity. Everything we have is a gift from you. So why do we treat life as though you aren't generous? Why do we believe we must hoard our blessings? It is our sin that makes us live as though we don't trust your goodness. So forgive us, we pray. Teach us again what it is to rely upon you. Remind us that we are always in your loving care. Fill us with grace and goodwill, that our hearts might overflow from the fullness of your love. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon (Ephesians 2:8-10)

Leader: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one might boast.

**People: For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.**

Leader: Believe the promise of the Gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

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 2 Peter 1:3-8

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 #309 Come, Great God of All the Ages

Come, great God of all the ages,  
make your earthly mission known;  
speak through every deed and person,  
let your way and will be shown.  
Guide the church to true commitment,  
give direction now, we ask;  
fit us for the work of building  
dedicate us to the task.

Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit,  
sure foundation, cornerstone,  
help us form the church eternal,  
may your vision be our own.  
Send a message to each follower,  
lead all people to your way;  
urge us to strong faith and action  
as we build the church today.

Come, great Spirit, in and with us,  
tune our ears to hear your call;  
through the moving of your presence,  
let redeeming love recall  
ministry in dedication,  
love embodied in our deeds;  
challenge us to do your bidding,  
see your purpose, fill all needs.

Come, O come, in celebration,  
household of the one true God.  
In commitment and rejoicing  
let us go where Christ has trod;  
as we act in faith and reverence,  
let us, Lord, the future see;  
place us in the church triumphant,  
now and for eternity.

Second Scripture Lesson          Matthew 15:21-28

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

Sermon    “Power at Jesus’ Table”

Offering

Offertory                      Logo de Manhã, Quero Te Buscar  
(In the Morning I will Seek Your Face)

Aristeu Pires Junior

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #310          I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,  
the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God. Her walls before thee stand,  
dear as the apple of thine eye and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend;  
to her my cares and toils be given, until toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,  
her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given  
the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.

\*Benediction

Postlude    There is a Wideness in God's Mercy  
Setting by Charles Callahan

**Worship Leaders**

<b>Liturgist:</b>	<b>Audrey, Elisabeth, and Lauren Sergeant</b>
<b>Organist:</b>	<b>Marcello Velame</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Steve Aquilina Peter Bruguere</b>
<b>Zoom Hosts:</b>	<b>John Palframan Jim Wright</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Deacons</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>

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

### Red Bank Crop Walk

WHEN: Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

WHERE: Red Bank Regional High School

TIME: 1pm Register

2pm Walk/Run

### Join Our Three Churches Online Team

We are excited to be working together - Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury, Christ Church, Shrewsbury and St. John's Episcopal Church, Little Silver. The link below will send you to our joint online page. You can help us in two ways –

JOIN OUR TEAM AS A WALKER

DONATE – please use link or QR code below

If you need more help with the webpage, please do not hesitate to email Kirsten Schanck at [kirst-i58@comcast.net](mailto:kirst-i58@comcast.net). I am working with Connie Goddard at Christ Church and Eve Chamberlin at St. John's.

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/three-churches-pcas-christ-church-st-johns-together-fighting-hunger>



Want to donate by check? Checks should be made out to Red Bank Crop Walk and given to one of the walkers or mailed in to the church office.

## Meeting Schedule Week of September 25th

25	SEP, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Choir Practice (Social Room)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
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27	SEP, TUE	● 9 – 10:15am	Bible Study (Zoom)
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28	SEP, WED	● 9:30 – 11am	Mission Belles (TR)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
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29	SEP, THU	● 4:45 – 5:45pm	Yoga Small Group (FH)
		● 6 – 7pm	Bells ( Social Room)
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1	OCT, SAT	● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)