

## July 31, 2022 ~ The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

### Welcome and Announcements

Prelude ~ *"Lord be Glorified"* (B. Kilpatrick) ~ Mark Handford

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: When we come to the Lord God he is faithful and loving,

People: slow to anger and forgiving of our sins and shortcomings.

Leader: Though friends and family may spurn us,

People: God is a loving God who will welcome his children home and heal them.  
Amen.

*\*you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

*\*Hymn #14 ~ "For the Beauty of the Earth"*

### Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Jesus, you have called us to lay our burdens down and to follow you. You have reassured us that your load is easy and your burden light. Yet we confess that we find it difficult to let go of our sins and destructive habits. Lord in your mercy forgive us and show us how to lay everything that hinders us at the foot of the Cross. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #658 ~ *"God Is So Good"* (v. 1 & 3)

*God is so good; God is so good; God is so good; God's so good to me*

*God loves me so; God loves me so; God loves me so; God's so good to me.*

### Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus ~ *"I Love This Family"* (arr. C. Bowes)

*I love this family of God, so closely knitted into one,*

*They've taken me into their midst and I'm so glad to be a part of this great family.*

### Offering Prayer

*\*Offertory #647 ~ "Give Thanks"*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;*

*give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.*

*And now let the weak say, "We are strong";*

*let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"*

*Give thanks. Give thanks.*

## Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Psalm 119:137-144

Special Music ~ *"Family of Faith"* (V. Mackenzie) ~ Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ Luke 19:1-10

Message ~ "Put it Behind You" ~ The Rev. Jim Russell, guest

\*Hymn #20 ~ *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

A time for sharing the joys and concerns of our community

Prayer Preparation ~ *"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*  
*Hear our prayer. O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;*  
*Incline Thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer ~ *in unison*

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 forgive 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.

\*Hymn #839 ~ *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"*

\*Benediction

\*Response ~ *"My Friends May You Grow in Grace"* (G. Scheer, G. DeMey, G. Kett, S. Diamond, T.J. Meaney)

*My friends may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.*

*My friends may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.*

*Refrain: To God be the glory now and forever, now and forever. Amen.*

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Choral Postlude ~ *"As the Deer"* (M. Nystrom)

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The Shakespeare in the Park production of Romeo and Juliet will be presented Saturday, July 30 at 7:00PM and Sunday, July 31 at 2:00PM in Stymelsi Veterans Park, adjacent to the former Livonia Family Y on Stark Road. Admission is free. Take a lawn chair or a blanket.

"Food, Friends and Philippians!"

Come join Pastor Nate for Bible study! We are digging into the new testament letter of Philippians which is full of encouragement and challenges for us today. We are learning together all while enjoying good snacks and a few laughs along the way. The next study is on Wednesday August 10 at 7pm and you can join us either at church or from the comfort of your home on [Google Meet](#).

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/atm-ofmm-ypy>  
Or dial: (US) +1 417-448-6024 PIN: 653 676 139#

“The Mission team has planned a Mission Trip to Madisonville, Kentucky. As you may recall, late last year this western area of Kentucky was hit with a devastating tornado. First Presbyterian Church, Madisonville has graciously opened its church to Mission Groups. I have reserved 25 beds for the week starting on Sunday, September 25th with plans to leave on Saturday morning, Oct 1st. Madisonville, Kentucky is about 510 miles (8 hours) from Livonia. This is the church's website: <https://www.newfpc.com>. Anyone interested can contact me, Gary Earnley, at 734.464.7865 or at church.”

The Annual Outdoor Worship Service combined with Garden City, Hope, Detroit, Rosedale Gardens, and St. Timothy Presbyterian Churches will be at Mies Park on August 14 at 10:30AM. **NO service will be held at St. Paul's. Take a lawn chair.**

The St. Paul's Outdoor Worship Service has been rescheduled to September 18 and will be partnered with the ROMANS project of the day.



Grace Erwin, August Kornowicz, Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Joyce Barton  
Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Jerry Stone  
Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips  
Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff  
Ray & Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don & Meta Tulley  
Sarah & Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor  
Phil Decker ~ friend of Judy McGregor  
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August & Faith Kornowicz  
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie Whitlock  
Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen  
Glenn Ellan Rubright ~ sister of Mike Graham; Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck  
Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit  
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright  
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham  
Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet  
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour  
David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook  
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo  
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling & Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron & Janet Frank  
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis

**Please review the prayer list and report any changes to the office as soon as possible.**

