

# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAWRENCEVILLE

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 14, 2022 9:30am

Participating in the Service Today:

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Janet Macgregor-Williams

Leading Worship: The Rev. Marcia MacKillop

Liturgist: The Rev. Dr. Sharon Deatz

Pianist: Josh Suslak

Soloist: Jan Everett, mezzo-soprano

Usher-Greeters: Roberta Gernhardt, Ruth Conover

Livestream Tech Team: Adam Dalle Pазze, Tom Wilfrid

Facebook Moderator: Connor McCraney

Please consider inviting someone now to join you in worshipping today via our livestream.

### CALLED

Prelude *Prelude No. 2* Debussy

Welcome and News of the Life and Work of the Church

Introit *Be Not Afraid* Jacques Berthier

Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn No. 394 (Glory to God Hymnal) *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation,*  
vv. 1 and 2

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

***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.***

### FED

Hebrew Scripture Reading Exodus 1:8-2:10  
The word of the Lord. (pew Bible page 48)  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Labor of Love”

*The Rev. Dr. Janet Macgregor-Williams, preaching*

\*Hymn of Response (facing page)

*There is a Line of Women*

\*Affirmation of Faith

Belhar 10.7

**We believe**

- That God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
- That God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;
- That God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
- That God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
- That God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
- That for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;
- That God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;
- That the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;
- That the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged;
- That in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

The Prayers of the People and the 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 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.**

**SENT**

Call to Offering

Offertory Solo

*His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

Martin and Gabriel

\*Doxology and Offertory Prayer

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Amen.***

Passing the Peace

**May the peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.**

\*Closing Hymn No. 700 (Glory to God Hymnal)

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

## There is a line of Women



1. There is a line of wom - en ex - tend - ing back to Eve whose  
 2. So sing a song of Sa - rah— to laugh - ter she gave birth; and  
 3. There is a line of wom - en who took on pow'r - ful men, de -  
 4. So sing a song of Shiph - rah with Pu - ah close at hand: en -  
 5. There is a line of wom - en who stood by Je - sus' side, who  
 6. So sing a song of An - na who saw Christ's in - fant face; and

role in shap - ing his - t'ry God on - ly could con - ceive; and  
 sing a song of Ta - mar who stood for wom - en's worth; and  
 fy - ing laws and scru - ples to let life live a - gain; and  
 gaged to kill male chil - dren, they foiled the king's com - mand; and  
 housed him when he min - is - tered and held him when he died; and  
 sing a song of Mar - tha who gave him food and space; and

though through end - less ag - es their wit - ness was re - pressed, God  
 sing a song of Han - nah who bar - gained with her Lord; and  
 though, de - spite their tri - umph, their sto - ries stayed un - told, God  
 sing a song of Ra - hab who shel - tered spies and lied; and  
 though they claimed he'd ris - en, their news was deemed sus - pect, till  
 sing of all the Mar - ys who heed - ed his re - quests, and

val - ued and in - spired them through whom the world was blessed.  
 sing a song of Mar - y who bore and bred God's Word.  
 kept their num - ber grow - ing, cre - a - tive, strong, and bold.  
 sing a song of Es - ther pre - vent - ing gen - o - cide.  
 Je - sus stood a - mong them, his wom - an - ly e - lect.  
 now at heav - en's ban - quet are Je - sus' fond - est guests.

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Benediction

Benediction Response

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

CLOSER WALK

Postlude

*I'm Gonna Sing When The Spirit Says Sing*

arr: Mark Hayes

\* Please stand as you are able.

*Following worship, you are invited to join others in the Fellowship Center for iced tea, lemonade, conversation, and fellowship.*

### **Our Church Family**

Congratulations to parents Peter Billings and Emily McCachren and to grandparents Lorna Ballard and Dennis Sheppard upon the birth of Rosemary Joy Billings on August 7.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Carol Doele and her family upon the August 9 death of her husband, our former member Don Doele. Carol's phone number: (207) 504-0343.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Worship. 9:30am.**

On Sundays, July 3- September 4, we will worship at 9:30am.

You can worship with us in person or via Facebook Live. You do not need a Facebook account. On our website, there are instructions about how to worship with us online.

**A note about COVID:** The COVID transmission risk in Mercer County remains at "Medium" according to the CDC community risk scale, although the hospitalization rate is still low. Given the current infection rate, the RIPA team would like to remind everyone that masks are still strongly recommended (although not required) for indoor gatherings at PCOL, regardless of vaccine status. Physical distancing is encouraged. Thanks for your cooperation!

**Pastoral Care:** Your needs are important to us. While the pastoral staff is on vacation until August 21, The Rev. Dr. Janet Macgregor-Williams will cover pastoral care. If you have a pastoral care need, you can contact the office or reach out directly to Janet at [janetmw610@icloud.com](mailto:janetmw610@icloud.com) or call her cell at 973-769-3379.

### **Book Discussion next Sunday at 11:00am in the Lounge**

*Sponsored by the Love Thy Neighbor Peace and Justice Committee*

We will discuss *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together* by Heather McGhee. It is easy to think that racism is an issue that impacts Black people, but the reality is that it impacts all of us. As we explore Heather McGhee's book, we will look at the impact of race on all of us, so that we might find a way to move forward.

### **Summer Fun at PCOL**

The Children's Ministry team will be hosting a variety of all-church fellowship opportunities this summer. Please consider joining us in the Fellowship Center for the following!

- Family Movie Night *Encanto* – tomorrow night at 6:30pm
- Game Night – Monday, August 22 at 6:30pm
- Ice Cream Social – Tuesday, August 30 at 6:30pm

### **News from Lawrenceville Presbyterian Preschool (LPP)**

**What:** LPP Open House. Meet the teachers, make new friends, reminisce with LPP grads and their families, enjoy fun activities and popsicles.

**When:** Thursday, August 25, 7:00pm (rain or shine)

**Where:** LPP Playground and Gazebo

**Who's invited:** Anyone who wants to learn more about LPP's play-based program for children 2-5 years old, families currently enrolled at LPP, and LPP alumni.

### **Back to School at LPP**

We are preparing for the 2022-23 school year. We hope that you will be able to assist us with a few basic supplies. During fellowship time this morning and on upcoming Sundays, there will be a table with a basket of leaves, each leaf designating an item to donate to the Preschool. Some examples: paper towels, tissues, Lysol wipes, sidewalk chalk, liquid hand soap, construction paper, etc. Please choose a leaf or two. The following week, please place your purchased item(s) in the designated basket. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Traub at [director@lawrencevillepreschool.com](mailto:director@lawrencevillepreschool.com) or 609-844-0022.

### ***Highlighting Mission***

#### **An Update:**

#### **On our church grounds at the exit driveway: A Giving Pantry**

*Take what you need, give what you can.*

Our Giving Pantry continues to be an asset to the community. It is obvious that it is filling a need for those who may struggle to buy food. Please help keep the pantry stocked, and please spread the word. All food donations should be placed in the white food bin – which has been fitted with lids (to prevent squirrel infiltration) – at the south church entrance. Volunteers will sort the donated food and stock the Giving Pantry. Please consider donating the following to the Pantry: canned beans (black, kidney, cannellini, etc.), canned vegetables, pasta and sauce, soup, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned fruit, and individual packages of oatmeal. Especially needed now are canned soups. Thank you to all who have contributed to our continuous need for food items! A reminder: Please do not donate food with an expired "sell by" date.

**OCTOBER 15**  
***MOVING FORWARD***  
**WorkWell's INAUGURAL 5K RUN/WALK**  
**SIGN-UP NOW**

On Saturday, October 15, 2022, WorkWell invites all its friends and supporters – anyone who likes to run or walk – to the beautiful ETS campus in Lawrence Township, NJ, starting at 9:00am. Pre-registration is encouraged, and we hope to see many friends of WorkWell – of all ages – joining us for a good time.

Whether you are a competitive runner, participating in your first 5K, or simply out to walk or run with friends and others at your own pace, please help us show “returning citizens” that our community has confidence in their future! This event is part of the USATF New Jersey Grand Prix Road Racing Series.

To register for the Run/Walk: <https://raceroster.com/events/2022/62604/moving-forward>

All proceeds raised from this event will support The WorkWell Partnership, whose mission is working together to equip returning citizens with job skills, dignity, and hope. WorkWell aims to transform lives by teaching work and life skills and surrounding our trainees with a supportive human community. Our partner-based, personalized program eases the path for people transitioning from incarceration, helping them to lead thriving and fruitful lives as full citizens of the community. Let's enjoy “Moving Forward” together on October 15!

**Sponsorships are available!**

If your firm or organization is interested in becoming an event sponsor, at the level of \$250 or higher, its name will be added to the T-shirt given to the first 150 participants and to a sign posted on the racecourse. Please contact Jeanne Aicher, the Race Director, at [race@workwellpartnership.org](mailto:race@workwellpartnership.org) if interested or for more information about sponsorships. Deadline is September 1.

**Create and Relate.** Create and Relate meets on Mondays in the Lounge from 10:00am to noon. It's a great group of ladies – some bring projects to work on; others come just to chat. Some who attend are PCOL members; others are from Temple Micah or the community. All are welcome... consider giving us a try.

**Fall Flea Market Donations.** The Grieco Garage is open for donations. When you are cleaning out closets and basements, please bring your items to 10 Ivy Glen Lane for our flea market. Please call ahead so Nancy can open the doors. We do have the means to pick up large items at your home. Jewelry is always popular at our market... please consider donating any you no longer wear. All donations are welcome, and proceeds go toward our Mission Budget. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Grieco at 609-896-2115 or [nbgrieco@gmail.com](mailto:nbgrieco@gmail.com).

### **Help the People of Ukraine**

Many members have asked how to donate to assist the people of war-torn Ukraine. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, an arm of PC(USA) has established a fund to support humanitarian assistance to people in Ukraine and refugees in the region.

Additional reliable organizations to which you can donate are:

- World Central Kitchen: [wck.org](http://wck.org)
- Doctors Without Borders: [doctorswithoutborders.org](http://doctorswithoutborders.org)
- UNICEF: [unicefusa.org](http://unicefusa.org) (specify "Children of Ukraine")
- Save The Children: [savethechildren.org](http://savethechildren.org) (designate the Ukraine Crisis Relief Fund)
- CARE: [my.care.org/donate](http://my.care.org/donate) (specify the Ukraine Crisis Fund)

### **Children's Ministry and Youth Announcements**

**Sunday Childcare:** Quality infant and toddler childcare is offered every Sunday on the playground. We provide a nurturing, safe environment for our children. Families can drop off their children on the playground starting at 9:15am. There will not be dismissal from church.

**Worship Bags** for children are located in the narthex. They contain age-appropriate Bibles and worship materials. Please return bags at the end of worship. Please feel free to take home a Bible from the worship bags for your family.

**LOGOS**, our midweek program for children Preschool-Grade 6, will resume on Wednesday, September 21.

**Sunday School Volunteers Needed!** The Children's Ministries committee is actively looking for volunteers for Sunday School. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Alicia Morrison ([amorrison@pclawrenceville.org](mailto:amorrison@pclawrenceville.org)).

**Junior High and Senior High Youth Group:** While our weekly youth group won't meet until September, the fun will continue during our summer gatherings. On Sunday, August 28 we will be going on a Holy Hike. We will meet in the church parking lot after worship and then caravan to Roebling Park, where Ryan Fobare will lead us on a hike of the Yellow Trail, which he recently updated for his Eagle Scout Award project. Contact Alicia Morrison for more information.

**Arm In Arm Mission Opportunity:** Join us for a morning of service at Arm In Arm in Trenton on Wednesday, August 31. We will be leaving the church at 10:30am and will head to the Trenton location of Arm In Arm to pack food bags and restock the shelves for our neighbors in need. Please contact Alicia Morrison if you are interested in attending. If you cannot join us for the above dates but are interested in volunteering, sign up by clicking this link: <https://signup.com/go/pPqMDzX>

**Pledge payments:** Summer is historically when income to the church reduces a bit, but the church continues to pay bills and salaries. As we meet our expenses, your pledge is important to help us maintain a positive cash flow. Please keep your annual pledge payments up to date, if possible. To those whose payments are current, we say “Thank you.”

**Want to Donate to PCOL quickly and easily?** Point the camera app on your smart phone at this QR code, and you will be taken directly to our Donations page.



### **A Travel Survey**

Our congregation has engaged in a number of travel-based faith formation activities – to Haiti, to the Holy Land, to Nepal, to Greece and Turkey. Some have expressed interest in another faith formation trip in 2023. It is likely we'll also join forces with Pennington Presbyterian and other churches. It would be useful to get input from you about your interest and potential participation, via a brief online survey. You can either click [this link](#), or just aim your smart phone at the QR code below, and you will be taken to the survey. If neither of those options works for you, there are paper copies of the survey in the Narthex and in the hallway leading from the Meetinghouse to the Fellowship Center. Please return them to the main office. Thank you for your help!

