

Session

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Paige Herndon
Tom Mogen
Diane Bibb

Class of 2024

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Class of 2025

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Welcome each person who is visiting with our congregation and extend a special invitation for you to make The Presbyterian Church of Radford your home. Please take a visitor's card from the pew, fill it out and place it in the offering plate. Hearing devices are available at the back of the sanctuary. If you wish to use one during worship, please let one of our ushers know. Kindly remove the batteries after use.

Presbyterian Church of Radford

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

11:00 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

(ASTERISK * indicates rise in body or spirit. BOLD indicates congregational response)

PRELUDE "The King of Love My Shepard Is" Joey Harrington

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS:

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When we have been overwhelmed by the ground shaking beneath our feet,

People: You have been with us, O God, like a steadfast fortress.

Leader: When we have clung to our old securities and relied on the ways of the world,

People: You went before us, leading us into the kingdom of grace.

Leader: When we are fearful and unsure about the way forward,

People: You show us the future you prepare for us and open our hearts to love.

*HYMN #35(purple) "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We admit how difficult it is for us to trust you, living God. The temptations and ways of the world flood our lives. We are busy and overwhelmed, as we forget to live by your grace. We let bitterness fester toward those who have hurt us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASKING IN WORSHIP - Masking in worship and Sunday school will be optional. This policy is subject to change if there is another surge in COVID-19 cases.

The flowers are given in **loving memory of David Parish** on his birthday 9/18/1971. His Family.

Many Thanks to these people for spending time with Linda Cadwell during her last few weeks: Alice, Teresa, Lin & Glenn, Wilma, Dot, Brenda and Robin W. It enabled Melissa to have some needed alone time and she greatly appreciated it!

Peace & Global Witness Special Offering: **September 1- September 30**, "In our living, in our giving, we are there." The offer will be taken up on **October 1- World Communion Sunday**.

Want to put that singing voice to use in the **PCR Church Choir**? We would love to have you! Please come and join us, even just to try it out, on **Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.** in the choir room. **All voices are welcome!** Find me after service or give me a Call/email if you have any questions. **Sandy Wright.**

REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Congregation: Pastor Nominating Committee, Marj Lyle, Randy Ogden, Richard Robertson, Linda Coyle, Ron Stockhoff, Brian & Sylvia Atkinson, George & Jimmie Parish, Maureen Thomas, Sherry & Ty Oxley, Sylvia Wright,

Friends of the Congregation: Al Harris (friend of Ginny Jones), Marge Rasheff (Karen Miller's mother), Mary Sue Daniels (aunt of Jill Alderman), Greg McFall (friend of the Millers), Melissa Delph (friend of Diane Bibb), April Collins Salvant (friend of Annyce Levy), Trey and Christina Wall (son & daughter in law of Dot Wall), SuSu Sadler (friend of Helen Harvey), Mason Pearce (Patty Oakley's cousin's son), Betty Freeman (neighbor of the Millers), Wanda Rose (friend of the Whisonants), Bob Herndon (John Herndon father), Casey McIntyre, wife of Andrew Gregory (son of Russell Gregory and Dana Gregory Rose), and Casey's family-Andrew and one-year old daughter, Grace. (Friend of the Quesenberry's), Bob Sumski (friends of Wilma & Charlie Allen), Holly Moore (daughter of Sylvia Atkinson), Marty Gibson (Mac Hiltons nephew), Family of Matthew Brunner, Dawn Cox (friend of Jordan Robertson)

CALENDAR AND EVENTS

Head Ushers for September are:

September 3, 10 Brenda Whisonant
September 17,24 Paige Herndon

Head Ushers for October are:

October 1, 8 Tom Mogen
October 15, 22, 29 D D Munsey

September 17, 4:00 p.m. Necessities Pantry Packing

September 19th Session at **7:00 p.m.**

September 23rd Necessities Pantry **10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

October 4th 12:00 Noon Lunch Bunch with the **Radford City Sheriff** as speaker.
Speaking on **S.A.L.T.** (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together)

We hold on to grudges and stoke the embers of resentment. And then we wonder why we feel burned out. Forgive us and have mercy on us, O God. Help us to know what a gift your forgiveness is to us. Then let your Spirit free us from all that constrains our hearts. Let your Spirit help us to experience and share the grace in Christ, your Son. AMEN

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has claimed us and will not let us go. There is no one, there is nothing that can keep God from forgiving us, loving us and healing us. Friends, know that you are loved so that you may love. Know that you are graced so that you may be a blessing. Know that you are forgiven so that you may forgive.

Thanks be to God.

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:

Romans 14: 7-12

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Patty Oakley

ANTHEM #"

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 18: 21-35

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON "*Trusting in God's Forgiveness*"

Rev. Steve Willis

*HYMN #436(purple) "*God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Apostles' Creed -Pg 35 in Purple Hymnal—. **I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the**

communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. **AMEN**

NOTES

OFFERING Improvised

Joy Harrington

CALL TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY Pg **606** in Purple Hymnal

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, we bring you these gifts from what we have first received from you. Use them, we pray, to enable the ministries of this church to flourish as we together serve our neighbors by showing love and doing mercy. We make these offerings in devotion to you, grateful for the grace we know in Christ Jesus. **AMEN**

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

We now join our voices together to pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN #463(purple) *"How Firm a Foundation"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"God, How Can We Forgive"*

Joey Harrington