

PRELUDE

“Blessed Assurance”

-Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

-Pastor

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

-Liturgist

Blessed are those who delight in the law of the Lord,  
**And meditate on God’s word day and night.**  
They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
**Which yield their fruit in its season.**  
**Let us worship the Lord, our source of wisdom and strength.**

✦HYMN No #839 “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!”

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

-Liturgist

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

-Liturgist

**Merciful God, we confess that we have often acted out of selfish ambition and vain conceit. We have allowed envy and self-interest guide our actions, rather than wisdom that comes from above. Forgive us for the times we have caused conflicts amongst ourselves and others. Help us to submit ourselves to you, resist the devil, and draw near to your grace. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

-Pastor

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. As far as the East is from the West, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. Walk in the newness of life!

✦GLORIA PATRI No. 581

✦ANTHEM “Lord Make Us Worthy”

-Sleeth

INSTALLATION OF ELDER – S. DOUGLAS DEMPSEY

PASS THE FAITH - Children to be excused for Kid’s Chorus w/ Mrs. Davis

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

-Pastor

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be renewed and transformed. Amen.

READINGS

Proverbs 31: 10 - 31, Pgs. 613 - 614, OT

-Liam Rhoney

Psalms 1, Pg. 489, OT

-Reagan Rhoney

Mark 9: 30 - 37, Pg. 45, NT

-Pastor

SERMON

-Pastor

✦HYMN No#738 “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY CHARGE

-Liturgist

In gratitude to God for all our blessings, let us bless others with a portion of all we have been given. Let us present our offerings to God.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Offertory: “Voluntary”

-Stanley

✦Doxology No. 606

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

-Liturgist

**Gracious God, we offer these gifts to you as an expression of our gratitude and love. May they be used to nurture wisdom, foster peace, and serve those in need. As we dedicate these offerings, help us to embody the spirit of humility and service that Christ has witnessed among us. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.**

✦HYMN No#757 “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

-Bish

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ The Coats for the Cold initiative will be September 15<sup>th</sup> – November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are collecting clean, gently used coats, hats, gloves & mittens.
- ❖ Handbell rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 3pm for the Celestial Bells and 7pm for New Beginnings.
- ❖ The Blessing of the Animals will be on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 11am in the Courtyard.
- ❖ The Deacons will be collecting for items for Thanksgiving Baskets beginning October 13<sup>th</sup> – November 17<sup>th</sup>. The baskets will be dedicated on November 24<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ The Crop Walk will be on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> after Worship, collection envelopes are on the table in the back hallway. There will be a sub sale prior to the walk, more details coming soon.
- ❖ We will be hosting a TRUNK OR TREAT event on October 24<sup>th</sup> from 5pm – 7pm in our parking lot. More info is in the newsletter.
- ❖ Montreat Sunday/Children’s Sabbath – October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ The Deacons Bake Sale and Basket Raffle will be Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am – 12pm. The drawing will be at 12noon. If you’d like to donate a basket, please bring the basket to the church by October 20<sup>th</sup>. If you’d like to donate a baked good, it can be brought to the church the morning of the event.
- ❖ The FLOM Paint & Prayer event will be November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 3:30pm. There are more details in the online newsletter.
- ❖ The Fall Vendor Fair will be held on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10am – 4pm in Arnold Hall. Check out the online newsletter for more information.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

10:30am

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



Pastor: W. James Hardy

Music Director: Jeffrey Seekins

Liturgist: Liam Rhoney

Youth Reader: Reagan Rhoney

AV Coordinator: C. Hatton Humphrey

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