

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 24, 2022 – Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

PRELUDE

*Toccata in F Major
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

Dietrich Buxtehude
J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME

INTROIT

Sanctuary

**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, you are the source of our life.

All: Gather us now together, we pray.

Leader: Mold us by the breath of your holy spirit.

All: Form us into a holy community of your own people as we join our hearts in worship.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

. . . TO PRAISE AND CONFESS

*HYMN 474

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we hear you calling. We come to you as people who long to walk your pathways of grace and love. But many times, we get discouraged by the world, especially in these recent days. We are often afraid of difficulties that may lie ahead, and it is easy to despair that we may not be able to faithfully meet the challenges facing us. You have shown us hope and you offer us courage. When we get weary, do not let hopelessness get the best of us. Care for us on this journey, God. Help us to know your love is always there, sustaining us, and surrounding us, and all the world, with your care. Take our lives and renew us that we may be filled with the light of your love, shining in the darkness.

SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

KYRIE 574

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God has called us and will lead us, even in the wilderness place.

All: Through Christ, we trust that God loves us and will always be with us.

Leader: Arise then people of God! We are free.

All: Our future is open, in the redeeming love of Christ! Praise be to God.

THE GLORIA PATRI 579

Glory Be to the Father

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.

THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

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

All: And also, with you.

Leader: Staying in our seats, I invite you to turn to your neighbor and greet each other with the Peace of Christ.

. . . TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Beach Spring

Wilbur Held

CHILDREN'S TACKLE BOX SERMON

After the Children's Sermon the kids are excused to a special Summer Sunday School.

HYMN 322, seated

Spirit of the Living God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 8:1-20

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 11:1-13

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Nancy Asbury

. . . TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION, 321

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

SILENT PRAYER

HYMN 535, Sing Twice

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (SHARING JOYS AND SORROWS)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

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.

... TO GO OUT TO SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN 422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* SENDING SONG 333, blue hymnal

Seek Ye First

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.**

Allelu, alleluia!

**Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.**

Allelu, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Minuet (Suite Gothique)

L. Boellmann

As you leave, please place your tithes and offerings in the collection plate.

**Please Stand If You Are Able*

Announcements:

About our Guest Pastor: Rev. Nancy Asbury, now retired, has served as pastor to eleven congregations in New York and New Jersey. In her varied career, she has also served as Executive Director of Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity, Crisis Care Chaplain at Morristown Memorial Hospital, and had a corporate career as an IT professional, trainer, and technical writer. She is married to Charley and is very happy to be Nana to 13-year-old grandson Matthew. Nancy and Charley fill their leisure time biking, hiking, and camping.

Flowers: The flowers in the sanctuary this week are in celebration of Carol Van Norman's birthday, and in recognition of all the ways she blesses us, by her church family.

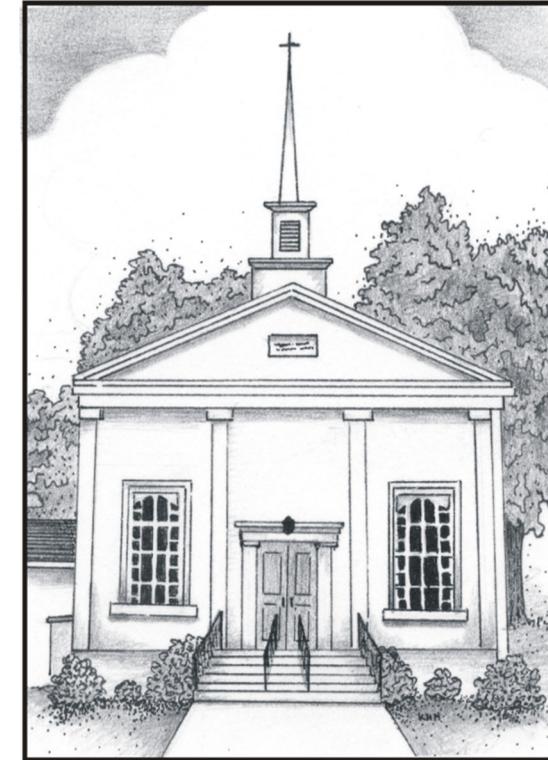
Weekly Study: Join us after worship today in Fellowship Hall for our weekly discussion concerning our Christian Response to Racism.

Summer Sunday School: Immediately following the Children's Sermon the kids/youth are invited to a special Summer Sunday with Tammy Sassaman.

COVID Protocols: AFPC is now "mask optional." We appreciate everyone being kind and understanding to those who choose not to wear a mask *and* to those that choose to wear a mask.

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Gathered in God's grace and led by the Holy Spirit,
Alexandria First Presbyterian Church joyfully worships, prayerfully seeks,
and gratefully shares as a loving family growing in Jesus Christ.

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10:00 a.m.

Organist: Carol Zeh
Worship Assistant: Lois Bondor

Usher: Liz McMahon
Minister: The Rev. Nancy Asbury