



Jesus said to him, “Not seven times,
but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.”
- Matthew 18:22

Creating Pathways to Discover New Connections in Christ



September 14, 2014
The Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Welcome to Our Church

We are a historic church, part of a historic denomination, and we celebrate this history while exploring ways to bring passion and freshness to our worship and congregational life. Join us as we seek to discover Fresh Traditional ways to **proclaim, gather, and nurture**, all toward continuing Jesus Christ's earthly ministry of building God's Kingdom.

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Narthex after the service. Visitor's Information brochures are in the stands at the entrances to assist you in finding your way around our campus.

Visiting with Children?

- **Activity materials** for young worshipers are in the drawers of the literature chests in both vestibules.
- **Infant and child care** is provided during the service in Howard House, the building to the right of the sanctuary.
- **Restrooms:** Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. (Located through the left door by the bell tables.)

Special Needs?

- **Feel free to ask** ushers and greeters for assistance if you have any questions or special needs.
- **Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices** are available from the ushers in the narthex at the back of the church.

Please come again

- We invite you to join us in worship at *The Presbyterian Church in Morristown*. Our Sunday schedule is
 - 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Chapel (next door to sanctuary)
 - 8:45 a.m. Sunday School for adults and children in the Parish House at 65 South Street (For classes, check www.pcmorristown.org/learn)
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- **A noon Worship Service in the Chapel on Wednesdays.** The Chapel is located next door to the Sanctuary. Parking is available behind the church.

More information on our Church, our programs and schedules is available on our website www.pcmorristown.org

Celebration of Worship

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10:00 a.m.

* If you are able, please stand.

VOLUNTARY

Ascendo ad Patrem a. 10
Ryan Kennedy, organ

Arnolt Schlick
(16th century)

**CALL TO WORSHIP*

The Reverend Dr. David J. Smazik

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul, all my inmost being,
praise God's holy name.

People: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits--

Leader: Who forgives all your sins.

People: Who redeems your life and crowns you with love and compassion.

**HYMN 463*

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**"When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no, never forsake.**

CONFESSION AND PARDON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Elder Peggy Clark

God our redeemer, we confess that we remain captivated by sin. You move heaven and earth to save us, but we are unmoved by the suffering of others. You are willing to forgive again and again, but we are unwilling to forgive the debts of others. Forgive us; liberate us! Let us be no longer bound by sin, but released, restored, set free to worship and serve you in freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

KYRIE (*Hymn 578*)

Kyrie eleison

Setting: Guarani melody

Choir will sing this through once, then the congregation will join.

Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We have confessed our sins; now it is time to forget the past and to live new lives in the present.

People: Our hope is that we can start anew, following a new life of loving, caring and forgiving.

Continued...

Leader: In the newness of this moment we acknowledge that our sins are forgiven.

People: We look forward to the future God has given us.

**RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (Hymn 581, "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.**

A TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Alexandra Mead & Angie Rines

O Holy God, the time is come when school begins. As these your children begin their studies, we ask a blessing on their backpacks in which they carry the books and other things that they will use to learn. O Lord of Life and Love,

Response: Hear our prayer.

Bless, O God, all who will teach our children in the coming days. Give them the wisdom to find inspiration for each child. Give them the energy, creativity, and love that will make their work a blessing to our children. O Lord of Life and Love, **R**

Bless, O God, all school administrators that they may be faithful stewards of the resources entrusted to their care. Make them fair and merciful, able to do their crucial work with a spirit of grace and compassion. O Lord of Life and Love, **R**

Bless, O God, each one gathered here that we will seek every opportunity to grow in our knowledge and love of you in all our classes for children, youth and adult learners. O Lord of Life and Love, **R**

SERVICE OF DEDICATION FOR TEACHERS AND MUSIC MINISTRIES

Sisters and brothers in Christ, our confessions remind us that the church gathers to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world's affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time.

Each of us is called to be the church in the world. Every one of us is endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is responsible for the integrity of that witness in particular situations. Each member of this congregation is entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community and is subject to its advice and correction. In turn, all of us, through our abilities, help to guide the church.

To that end, we gather this day to recognize and bless those endowed by Christ and called by this congregation to the ministry of teaching, guiding, and leading.

(To the teachers and leaders)

You have been chosen to teach the people the good news of God's redeeming love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. You have been called to guide your pupils along paths of ministry in response to Christ's call to discipleship. Do you accept this responsibility?

Teachers and Leaders: We do

(From a representative of the children)

Will you guide us and be our friend as we grow up in the church? Will you help us to know how much Jesus loves us? Will you tell and show us what he wants us to do?

Teachers: Yes

(To those involved in the music ministry)

You have been gifted with music in your hearts, in your fingers, in your mouths and in your spirits. You have chosen to be part of the music ministry of this congregation. Will you use your voices, your songs, your instruments and

musical skills to serve Christ? Will you lead this congregation in worship and praise?

Music directors and choirs: We will

(To the teachers and musicians)

Will you be led by the Holy Spirit, who works through you to serve the church for your special work and who imparts various gifts of grace to you as you follow Christ?

Teachers and musicians: I will

(To the congregation)

Will those who are able, please stand. Let us affirm our sisters and brothers who have answered God's call to serve as musicians, teachers, and helpers who lead us in the worship and work of the church.

All: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, pray for you, honor your leadership, and assist you, that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

RESPONSE, Hymn 726, v. 1, 5 Will You Come and Follow Me Kelvingrove

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Le me turn and follow you and never be the same
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

**Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning:
Grant us so to hear them, and inwardly be molded by them, that we may
embrace and ever hold fast to the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you
have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 114 (Old Testament, page 532)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World
The Chancel Choir

John Stainer
(1840-1901)

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth,
believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through Him might be saved.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 18:21-33 (New Testament, page 18)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“By the Numbers: 77”

Dr. Smazik

**HYMN 445*

God, How Can We Forgive

Leoni

**God how can we forgive when bonds of love are torn?
How can we rise and start anew, our trust reborn?
When human loving fails and every hope is gone,
your love gives strength beyond our own to face the dawn.**

**When we have missed the mark, and tears of anguish flow,
how can you still release our guilt, the debt we own?
The ocean depth of grace surpasses all our needs.
A priest who shares our human pain, Christ intercedes.**

**Who dares to throw the stone to damn another’s sin,
when you, while knowing all our past, forgive again?
No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.
As you, O God, forgive our sin, may we forgive.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION: In-Reach Day

Craig Valenti

GREETING/OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*(Please sign and pass the friendship pad, found in the pew, to the person next to you.
Offering envelopes and prayer request cards are located in the pew pockets for your
convenience. Cards will be collected with the offering.)*

OFFERTORY *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*
The Chancel Choir

Carl Schalk
(b. 1929)

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, How passing thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take Our mortal form for mortals’ sake.
For us to wicked men betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death; For us gave up His dying breath.

He rose from death again, for us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here to guide, to comfort, and to cheer.
All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad,
The Trinity, whom we adore, forever and forevermore.

* *RESPONSE TO THE OFFERING (Hymn 607)*

Old Hundredth

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

**HYMN 315*

In the Midst of New Dimensions

New Dimensions

**In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways.
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?**

***Refrain:* God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey now and ever,
now and ever, now and ever more.**

**Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? *Refrain***

**As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village might envision wider dreams. *Refrain***

**We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung. *Refrain***

**Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit, resurrect the church again. *Refrain***

**BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

Grand Chorus

*Alexandre Guilmant
(1837-1911)*

*Participating in the service today are the Reverend Dr. David J. Smazik,
Elder Peggy Clark, and acolytes Elizabeth Bruen and Hanna Neil.*

Alexandra Mead is the Director of Christian Education.

Matthew Webb is the Director of Music and Ryan Kennedy is our Organ Scholar.

FELLOWSHIP TIME is hosted today by members of the Outreach Committee.

GREETING at 10:00 service are Jan and Bob Harris, and Cheryl and Bruce Smith.

USHERING at the 10:00 service are Rich Albright, head usher, Mary Albright, France and Brian Delle Donne, Jan Dougherty, and Nancy Neimann.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in memory of Joy Phillips by Jan Dougherty.

PARKING REMINDER: The available parking behind the church is limited and reserved for those with special needs. Please help us be a welcoming community of faith by leaving these spaces open, if you are able to walk. Street parking is free on Sunday and 2 hours of free parking are available in Headquarters Plaza with a validated parking ticket. Bring your ticket to church for validation.

OPEN MEETINGS THIS WEEK: For a full schedule of meetings, go to our website.

Sunday, September 14 *Office closed*

New Worship Schedule

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Chapel
- 8:45 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School for adults and children in the Parish House
- 8:45 a.m. *Sunday Morning Seminar*
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Commissioning of Music and Education Ministries
- 11:15 a.m. Confirmation class/Parent Mtg
- 11:15 a.m. Recorder Consort rehearsal
- 11:30 a.m. Ringers-on-the-Green rehearsal

Monday, September 15

Nursery School Opens

- 9:00 a.m. Pre-School Small Group
- 12:00 p.m. Circle 12
- 7:30 p.m. Circle 5

Tuesday, September 16

- 8:00 a.m. Small Group (P. Clark)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Wednesday, September 17

- 7:00 a.m. Small Group (M. Kaller)
- 9:00 a.m. AAA
- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Worship
- 4:15 p.m. **W!**, Bel Melodia, Bel Canto
- 4:15 p.m. *Ekklesia* Middle School Youth Group
- 6:05 p.m. Tower Singers and Ringers
- 7:00 p.m. *Koinonia* High School Youth Group

Thursday, September 18

(no open meetings today)

Friday, September 19

- 9:30 a.m. Volunteers (Bulletins and TT)
- 12:00 p.m. Fridays-on-the-Green Concert: Heinink/Dalton Guitar Duo

Saturday, September 20 *Office closed*

- 8:30 a.m. In-Reach Day
- 9:00 a.m. Electric Car Show
- 9:00 a.m. Tai Chi
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Yoga
- 5:00 p.m. Middle School Mini-Golf

Sunday, September 21 *Office closed*

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Chapel
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School for adults and children in the Parish House
- 8:45 a.m. *Sunday Morning Seminar*
- 8:45 a.m. Acolyte Training
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Baptism
- 11:15 a.m. Recorder Consort rehearsal
- 11:30 a.m. Ringers-on-the-Green rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. *Faith on Film*



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