

We welcome The Rev. Jill Patterson Tolbert back to the pulpit this morning. Rev. Tolbert was born and raised in Dublin, Georgia, and has been active in PCUSA congregations her entire life as an ordained deacon, a ruling elder, and now a teaching elder. She is graduate of Mercer University and Columbia Theological Seminary. She has served in both campus and parish ministry roles, has written for the denominational adult study curriculum, *The Present Word*, and for At This Point, an online journal published by Columbia Theological Seminary. Jill is currently serving in a validated ministry role as a high school math teacher at North Caroline High School in Ridgely, MD.

In her spare time, Jill enjoys cooking, travel, and exploring nature. She and her husband Joel, pastor of Presbyterian Church of Chestertown, have three sons: Adam (27), Daniel (25), and Michael (23).



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August 7, 2022
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
 and Good Samaritan Offering**



THE SESSION			
Moderator: The Rev. Nona Holy Class of 2023 Kristin Armstrong Reed Coats Scott Firment Dot Kent	Class of 2024 Sandra Borrer Patricia Dewey Patrick Lannon Sean Kennedy	Clerk of Session: Sandra Borrer Class of 2025 John Danzeisen Ed Nass Michael Wright (open)	
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**Please stand in body or in spirit*

WE APPROACH GOD

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Reflection

Mark Hayes

* Call to Worship *(Please stand and join responsively)*

Book of Common Worship, 2018

One: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our voice and answer our prayers!

One: The word of the Lord is like fire in my bones;

All: I am weary with holding it in.

One: What does the Holy One require of us?

All: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

One: Let us worship God!

* Hymn No. 1 (v. 1, 2)

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

Prayer of Confession *(The congregation uniting)*

Mighty and merciful God, lover of justice and equity, you call us to support the weak. You call us to help those who suffer, to honor all people. But too often we act out of selfishness or fear rather than in response to your grace. Forgive us God. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us advocates for your justice and instruments of your peace, so that all may be reconciled in your beloved community, through Jesus Christ our Savior. (A time for silent confession). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *(The congregation uniting)*

One: Who is in a position to condemn?

All: Only Christ. And Christ died for us. Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, and Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

What has been washed away, and new life begins!

One: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel and know that in Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination *(The congregation uniting)*

Open our hearts and minds, God, that the words we hear this day might be the words you would have us to hear, in this place and for this time. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8--16

N.T. pg. 198

Psalms 33: 12-22

O.T. pg. 470

One: Holy Wisdom. **All: Holy Word**

Parable Time

Sermon

Get On the Bus!

Candace Smith

The Rev. Jill Patterson Tolbert

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* Hymn No. 301

Let Us Build a House

Text & Music by Marty Haugen

(All Are Welcome)

Ritual of Friendship

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

On the Wind of Spirit

Mark Hayes

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication *(The congregation uniting)*

Eternal God, may our offerings extend the work of your church into the beautiful world which you have made. Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion *(See insert)*

* Hymn No. 749

Come! Live in the Light!

Text & Music by David Haas

* Benediction

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful

Beethoven, arr. Cindy Berry

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Participants in Today's Service:

The Rev. Jill Patterson Tolbert, Guest Pastor

Nancy Day, Liturgist

Katie Soukup, Guest Pianist/Organist

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LBPC History Notes – 275th Anniversary by Joan Wysham

In 1995 at the time of our 275th Anniversary, Pastor Roy Martin asked in church for a volunteer to head a committee to have some celebration to mark the occasion. When no one else volunteered, Stuart Wysham stood up and said he would do it if George Barrier would co-chair. George agreed and a committee was formed right after church. They were Trivitts, Bartels, Kellys, Barriers and Wyshams. It was a great committee. No money was allocated for any costs we contracted. Because several of the women were part of the Mission Committee, we borrowed from that.

Our plans included a covered-dish supper and a game night playing Thieving Bingo, a carriage ride through the gardens of Winterthur, an invitation to Presbytery to have their meeting at Lower Brandywine and a dress up dinner in our social hall. At the dinner the waitresses wore white aprons and mob hats, which were made by one of our members, to reflect the clothing of the day. It was from this dinner that we made the money to pay back the Mission Committee funds.

Weekly Calendar

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
08/07/2022		Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
		Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Good Samaritan Offering
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	11:00 AM	Lemonade Social
08/08/2022	7:00 PM	Alanon
	7:00 PM	Alateen
08/10/2022	12:00 PM	Alanon
08/14/2022		Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
	10:00 AM	Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed)
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
	11:00 AM	Lemonade Social

Invitation to the Table

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. Amen.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving *(Please join responsively)*

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.
You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.
Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.
As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,
evermore praising you and saying: *(The congregation uniting)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendor and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.
Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

Therefore, we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

Look with favor on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.

Bless the earth,
heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Now, as our Savior taught us, so we pray: *(The congregation uniting)*

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread *(Please join responsively)*

One: We break this bread and pour this cup to share in the body and blood of Christ.

All: **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread and one cup.**

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

All are invited to come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and cup.

Please return to your seats by the outside aisles and hold the elements.

When all have been served, we will share the bread and cup together.

Gluten free bread and grape juice are served.

The Blessing of Home Communion Servers *(The congregation uniting)*

**Go forth to share these gifts of our Lord, Jesus Christ, knowing that
in this sacramental act we are all united as his body.**

Prayer after Communion *(The congregation uniting)*

Blessed God,

help us, whom you have fed and satisfied in this eucharist,

to hunger and thirst for what is right;

help us, who here have rejoiced and been glad,

to stand with those who are persecuted and reviled;

help us, who here have glimpsed the life of heaven,

to strive for the cause of right

and for the coming of the kingdom of Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns, now and forever. Amen.