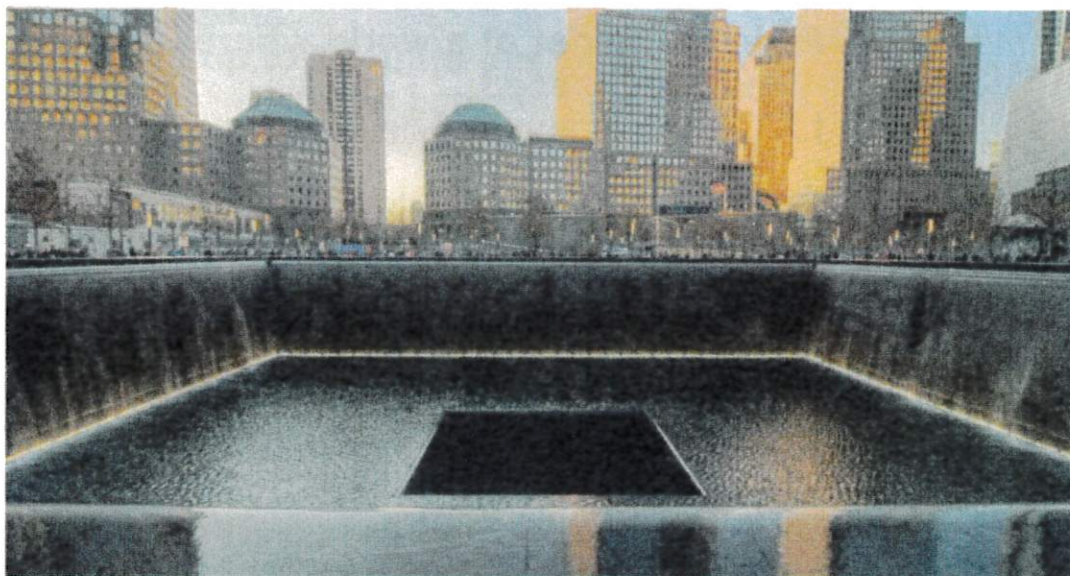


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Patriot Day Remembrance Service
in observance of the 25th Anniversary of 9/11

Service for the Lord's Day
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026

Hearing devices
are available in
the narthex.



† Indicates where
we should rise in
body or in spirit.



L: Leader (One)
P: People (All)



Hymnals:
Glory to God
(GtG = purple)

Worship &
Celebration
(W&C = red)



At this time,
please complete
Prayer Request
Cards (yellow
cards found in
the pews). They
will be collected
during the
Responsive
Hymn.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Opening Prayer

† Opening Sentences

L: Let us focus on God's presence.

P: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst...

L: Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

P: In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed...

L: Come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

P: In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumors of war...

L: Come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

P: In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness...

L: Come worship a God who gives life meaning.

P: Come, let us worship the Lord, whose grace and love know no end!

~ from *September 11 Remembrance Liturgical Resources*, posted on the PCUSA website.

† Opening Hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus" GtG #630

† Prayer of Humility

A Litany of Remembrance, Penitence and Hope

L: We light a candle in remembrance for all those who suffered and died on September 11 in New York, Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. We light a candle to remember those who still live and who suffer because of the events of that day. When we remember the stockbrokers, office workers, maintenance workers, bystanders, window-washers and all the others who worked together so valiantly to help each other, we can say together:

P: We remember great courage.

L: When we recall the firefighters who rushed upstairs as most everyone else was racing out, we can say together,

P: We remember selfless service.

L: When we recall the police officers who stood to protect and defend the people and performed their duties until the towers came crashing down on top of them, we can say together,

P: We remember selfless sacrifice for the safety of others.

L: When we recall the thousands of workers, women and men and, old and young, single and married, American-born and those born in countries around the world who did not escape the buildings, we can say together:

P: We remember the loss of human life.

L: When we recall those citizens who rushed to help, did all they could to help, we can say together:

P: We remember and give thanks for dutiful commitment to those in distress.

L: When we recall the people who stood in line at the nation's blood banks to make living donations from their very bodies, we can say together:

P: We give thanks for those who live on to pass on life and love.

L: When we remember the millions of Americans who gave so generously of their life and labor to endow funds to help the survivors and their families recover from their losses, we can say together:

P: We are grateful for generosity.

L: Remembrance begins with deep, personal identification. It begins with remembering the affliction of our brothers and sisters, and marking their pain as our own. Remembrance is a sacred moment when we raise up and hold to the light of the eternal moment, the good who have passed.

We light a candle, in penitence, recognizing that we have not done enough to address the sources of anger, hate, dehumanization, rage and indignation that lead to acts of violence.

L: In our sadness, horror and shock we acknowledge that our own fears turned murderous and we have sought revenge, sometimes against even the innocent.

P: We confess and regret our own anger and recognize its dangers to our spirits, our health, our community, and others.

L: In the midst of the aftermath of the events of September 11th, 2001, we have been tempted to seek only our own good, hear only our own truth, acknowledge only our own suffering.

P: We know that peace will come to us and to our children only when the concerns of justice anywhere become the subject of political and social will everywhere, and that no justice leads to no peace.

L: In striving for national security and domestic peace we run the risk of confusing might for right and participating in the very behaviors we condemn.

P: Guard and guide our country that in our search for security we may not trample the rights of the innocent nor disregard the rule of law. Let us not confuse leadership within the global community as the voice for the whole community.

L: Repentance means to turn away from wrong deeds. Repentance means choosing instead deeds which require moral restraint, and are more beneficial to all persons who suffer.

We light a candle to light the way to a better world for our children and our children's children, and all the children of God.

L: We recall with joy the unity we felt in the outpouring of help, kindness, thoughtful words and deeds from at home and around the world.

P: We must hold firmly to our unity, borne forward now not of tragedy but of loving kindness.

L: We place fresh confidence in international organizations and conversations that bring the diverse gifts of the world to the problems of poverty, injustice, terror and strife.

P: We long for wise policies that forego short term gain for long term stability, justice and peace.

L: In a year filled with tragedy we dare to hope for an era yet to come in which the slaughter of innocents, greed, the ambitions of power, and cultural, racial and religious bigotries are but memories of a dim and unenlightened past.

P: God of the ages, before your eyes all empires rise and fall yet you are changeless. Be near us in this age of terror and in these moments of remembrance. Uphold those who work and watch and wait and weep and love. By your Spirit give rise in us to broad sympathy for all the peoples of your earth. Strengthen us to comfort those who mourn and work in large ways and small for those things that make for peace. Bless the people and leaders of this nation and all nations so that warfare, like slavery before it, may become only a historic memory. We pray in the strong name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

~ Liturgy by Rev. Eileen W. Lindner and Rev. Marcel A. Welty. Posted on the Presbyterian Church USA website.

Silent reflection.

L: Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

P: Amen.

† Gloria Patri

Traditional

GtG #581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

P: Almighty God, as we seek your peace and your forgiveness, may we always seek you and find you in your Word. Open our hearts and minds to receive. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 46:1-3

p. 885 in pew Bible

L: The Word of The Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Hebrews 13:1-3, 15-16

p. 1878 in pew Bible

L: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

P: Christ's name be praised.

Sermon

Pastor Brenda

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Remembrance – Tolling of the Bells

1. 8:46 am American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan, New York.
2. 9:03 am United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower.
3. 9:37 am American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia.
4. 9:59 am The South Tower collapsed.
5. 10:03 am Passengers on United Airlines Flight 93 saved the Capitol Building from destruction. The plane went down in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.
6. 10:28 am The North Tower collapsed.
7. For all those who died in the World Trade Center.
8. For first responders and all others who have died subsequently from 9/11 related health effects.

Special Music

"Where Were You?"

Don Barnes, guitar

† Prayer of Remembrance

P: On this day of solemn remembrance:

May we honor the lives that were lost in this tragic act.

May we give thanks for those who served and saved, rendered aid and assistance.

May we give comfort to those who live with loss.

May we seek justice and peace where it is within our ability, and rely on you when the ability escapes us.

On this day of solemn remembrance:

May we build what has been torn down.

May we mend what has been broken.

May we live your love when hate seems to reign.

May we bear witness to the cause of peace.

For Jesus' sake, Amen.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

L: This is the joyful feast of ALL the people of God

P: People will come from the east and west and from north and south and sit at the table in the Kingdom of God.

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord our God.

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

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: Rejoicing in the Risen Lord, let us pray:

Holy Lord God...

and with the faithful from every time and place we lift our hearts in praise to you saying:

P: Holy, Holy, Holy God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

L: Great God, ...

His body and blood, so that He might live in us and we live in Him.

P: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

L: Almighty God, pour out...

Eternal Father, lift our hearts and minds on high where we praise you with the words of our Lord Jesus Christ who taught us to pray saying:

P: 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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion
Time of Self-Offering with Offertory

† Doxology

† Prayer of Dedication

P: Loving God, help us remember that everything we have belongs to you. We simply bring back to you some portion as a thank offering. As others gave their lives, may we too, bring our lives to you. Bless us and these gifts, that we may serve the risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING THE CHURCH INTO THE WORLD WITH THE WORD

† Closing Hymn "Come! Live in the Light!" (We Are Called) GtG #749

† Blessing and Response "The Trees of the Field" GtG #80

Postlude



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