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$Sunday \ Worship \ Service \ | \ 2 \ October \ 2022 \ | \ 17^{th} \ Sunday \ of \ Pentecost$

"The Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood (John 1:14)."

MEDITATION | ALL **PRELUDE** | JACOB PADUANO CALL TO WORSHIP | PASTOR LUNDY **INVOCATION** | PASTOR LUNDY WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS | ELDER WANDA SIZEMORE- MCRAE **OPENING HYMN | SHFPC MUSIC MINISTRY** VIRTUAL PASSING OF PEACE | LEAD BY FAN COMMITTEE LIVING OUR MISSION | WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** | PASTOR LUNDY SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION | ALL **ASSURANCE OF PARDON | PASTOR LUNDY GLORIA PATRI** | ALL SCRIPTURE READING | HABAKKUK 1:1-4; 2:1-4 AND LUKE 17:5-10 HYMN OF PREPARATION | SHFPC MUSIC MINISTRY **SERMON** | PASTOR LUNDY: "The Power of Faith" INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | ELDER BESSIE ALLEN** COMMUNION, PASTORAL, AND LORD'S PRAYER | PASTOR LUNDY OFFERING OF GIFTS TO GOD AND DOXOLOGY | ALL **MUSICAL SELECTION** | SHFPC MUSIC MINISTRY

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION | PASTOR LUNDY

MEDITATION BEFORE SERVICE

Silent mediation is the first order of worship. Take this opportunity to reflect upon God, the events of your week, and the persons who are touching your life. If you wish, share your prayer concerns* or joys, there will be an opportunity to share your concern during service.

*Please share prayer requests with the Deacons.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship is a gift from God. | In worship, we are invited to come into the very presence of God, to be met by God's grace and encircled by God's love.

Worship is a promise. | In worship, we see the vision of the day yet to come, the hope of what is yet to be. In this present hour, we wait for the coming kingdom.

Worship is demand. | In worship, God demands the best of our heads and our hearts. God demands of us our very lives.

With gratitude and joy, promise and hope, commitment, and dedication, let us worship the Lord our God. Amen.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows forth the work of God's hands.

Merciful God, we confess that we live distracted lives and fail to see your hand at work in your creation. Our ignorance and arrogance cause us to misuse what you have entrusted to our care.

One day tells its tale to another and one night imparts knowledge to another. Their sound has gone out into all lands and their message to the ends of the world.

We confess that we have failed to listen to the good news of your love. Too often we care only for ourselves and those close to us, while forgetting to share your peace to the ends of the world.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure & gives wisdom to the innocent.

We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors, and your law clearly shows us our sinfulness. Revive our souls once again; show us anew your paths of love, peace, and justice.

Let the words of my mouth & the medication of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength & my redeemer.

We confess that too often our words, our thoughts, and our deeds turn us away from you and from each other. Peace is lacking in our hearts and throughout our world. Loving God, we pray for your forgiving grace and peace in Jesus Christ. Guided by your Holy Spirit, may we be peacemakers in our daily living. *Silent Confession*

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us a ministry of reconciliation."

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, that our sins are forgiven.

Let us live new lives of faith, obedience, joy, and peace! Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

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.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Any dates for the Church Calendar should be given to Wanda Sizemore-McRae ASAP.

- We're seeking FAN supporters, to donate cases of water and/or lead our fitness breaks. See Elder Pam.
- **11am Worship Service** is in person and on Zoom @ Meeting ID: 871 3893 6353 | (929) 205-6099 | https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87138936353
- **Operation Warm Heart** We're also seeking volunteers for in-house program from December 2022 to March 2023. Please contact Elder Bessie for more information.
- 2022 Per Capita is \$45 per member. This and all donations can be submitted during worship; to SHFP Church, P. O. Box 442, Roselle, NJ 07203; or with *Zelle* using shfpchurch64@gmail.com.
- What's the 313? The Ancestors Speak Video Blog Co-hosted by Pastor Lundy and James Amemasor on Sundays at 3p.m. It is a conversation about the Ancestors Speak Research Project on Zoom: Meeting ID 814 0595 3491 and Dial-in Number (929) 205-6099.
- *On Mondays,* **Prayer Service is 6:30pm** and **Bible Study is 7pm** on Zoom. The study will resume on 9/12 on New Testament *Matthew*.
- Do you want to **serve on a committee** or ministry? Please see a session member today.
- Anyone requesting a **pastoral visit or at-home communion** should contact one of the Ruling Elders, Deacons, or Pastor.



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Anthony Portillo

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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(October Birthdays) **3rd Troy Allen 6th Brenda Johnson 13th Jamel Johnson, Jr. 16th Erica Rodriguez 29th Pamela Robinson Smith 30th Briana & Tianna Pryor**

(October Anniversaries) **2nd** Mr. Lawrence & Mrs. Linda Swaggerty **8th** Mr. Larry & Mrs. Bessie Allen **20th** Mr. Chris & Mrs. C. Betty Nelson

JUST FACTS

Do You Know? "Other than skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer among American women. Mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat and before it is big enough to feel or cause symptoms. There are different symptoms of breast cancer, and some people have no symptoms at all. Symptoms can include—

- Any change in the size or the shape of the breast
- Pain in any area of the breast
- Nipple discharge other than breast milk (including blood)
- A new lump in the breast or underarm

If you have any signs that worry you, see your doctor right away (https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/dcpc/resources/features/breastcancerawareness/index.htm)."

THIS WEEK'S WORD

^{1:1} "The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received. ² How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? ³ Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds.⁴ Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

^{2:1} I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, what answer I am to give to this complaint. ² Then the Lord replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. ³ For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it lingers, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. 4 "See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright—but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness (Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4)."

^{17:5} The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

⁷ "Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? ⁸ Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done everything, you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty (Luke 17:5-10).""

WHAT'S COOKING?



Whole Wheat Pasta Salad {Yield: 10-12 servings}

Ingredients:

8 oz. box Whole Wheat Rotini (spiral shaped pasta) 1 bell pepper, diced 1 cucumber, seeded, and diced 1⁄2 cup chopped green onions 1⁄2 cup diced tomatoes 1⁄2 cup chopped celery 2 Tbsp. parsley, minced 1 tsp black pepper 3⁄4 cup lite shredded cheddar cheese

Dressing:

(COMBINE ALL) 1/3 cup fat free yogurt, plain 1/3 cup fat free honey Dijon dressing 1/3 cup fat free Caesar dressing 1 Tbsp. dill, minced

Instructions:

- 1. Boil pasta according to directions on box.
- 2. Drain, rinse and chill pasta.
- 3. Mix with other ingredients and dressing and serve.

This recipe is courtesy of our *Fitness Activities and Nutrition* Committee. Learn more about FAN and be healthier at www.shfpchurch.org/fan-resources.

JOYS & CONCERNS FOR PRAYER*



- Bereaved Family of Xavier McClain
- Rev. and Mrs. J. Garlic
- Elizabeth's Homeless Citizens
- Sheila Robinson and Family
- Ugandan Children and Guardians
- Teachers and Students

*Please share prayer requests for program listing with the Deacons.

SESSION REPORT

August Financial Report Income: **\$13,641**| Expenditure: **\$13,716**

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TODAY'S HYMN

I Am on The Battlefield for My Lord

Refrain: I am on the battlefield for my Lord I'm on the battlefield for my Lord And I promised Him that I, would serve Him till I die I am on the battlefield for my Lord.

1 I was alone and idle, I was a sinner too,
I heard a voice from heaven Say there is work to do,
I took the Master's hand, And I joined the Christian band,
I'm on the battlefield for my Lord. [*Refrain*]

2 I left my friends and kindred, Bound for the Promised Land The grace of God upon me, The Bible in my hand In distant lands I trod, Crying, sinner, come to God I'm on the battlefield for my Lord. [*Refrain*]

3 Now when I met my Savior, I met Him with a smile He healed my wounded spirit, and owned me as His child Around the throne of grace, He appoints my soul a place, I'm on the battlefield for my Lord. [*Refrain*]

PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

Black Lives Matter Rededication



A HISTORY OF

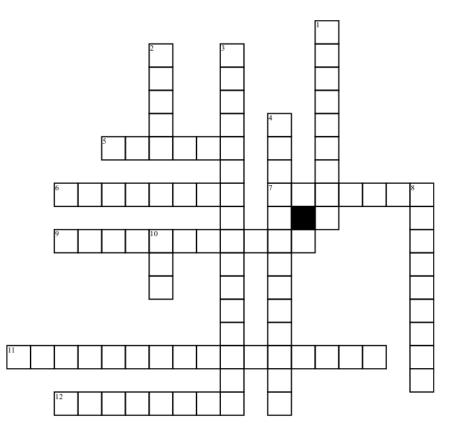
COMMUNION SUNDAY

In the winter of 1935, at the heart of the Great Depression, a group of ministers gathered to consider the spiritual health and the mission possibilities of the church. In the context of that challenging time, they reaffirmed the power of the Lord's Supper to unite the church of Jesus Christ, and to challenge the church to live the faith through a life of faithful witness. Their efforts led to the celebration of a World Communion Sunday on November 11, 1936. By action of the 1937 General Assembly, this celebration was moved to the first Sunday in October. So, it has been ever since.

On every Lord's Day,

Presbyterians can celebrate our unity with believers around the world at the Table of our Lord Jesus Christ. On this particular Lord's Day, we can reaffirm our commitment to faithful witness in the world as we await the coming fullness of God's kingdom.

MIND MUSCLE WORKOUT



<u>Across</u>

5. Number of Holy Days observed by Eastern Orthodox Church

6. Number of governing bodies of the Eastern Orthodox church

7. Leader of Catholicism

9. Founder of Christianity

11. Largest Christian denomination

12. Vow Catholic priests take that make them different from other Christian priests

<u>Down</u>

1. Considered by many Christian groups the most important city of their faith

2. Holy book of Christianity

3. denomination of Christianity developed within the Greek-speaking eastern branch of the Roman-Byzantine Empire

4. denomination founded over disagreements when Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses outside a Catholic Church door in 1517
8. Sacrament typically celebrated more by Catholics than other branches of Christianity

10. Number of Holy Days observed by Roman Catholic church