

Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church
Sunday, September 14, 2025

Prelude

Welcome

Reverend David C. Wright

Announcements

Lauren Neely

Minute for Mission

Trail Ride Magazine

Dr. Elliott Johnson

Preparation for Worship – *Sweet Hour of Prayer* - Clarke arr. Bradbury

Call to Worship:

Lauren

Summoned by love,

Beckoned by grace,

Invited to find rest,

Called to receive hope.

Welcomed into peace,

Ushered into silence,

Gentled into awe,

Blessed with joy.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord together.

Opening Prayer

Lauren

***Hymn #549 I Love Your Kingdom, Lord**

***An Invitation of Repentance and Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, forever beckoning us to draw near, forever calling us to follow, we confess to wrestling with obedience. We often choose paths easy for us and miss your invitation to extend your mercy in a place of need. We limit your contact with us to Sunday mornings or to the last weary moments of the day. We move so fast, we miss your whispers in a dream, your tug from a small child, your beauty in a new flower.

Persistent God, tilt our ear toward you so we might hear with clearness the word you have for us this day and always. In Jesus' name. Amen.

(A time of silent prayer will be kept).

***Assurance of Forgiveness (John 3:16, 17)**

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven

Thanks be to God

***Gloria Patri #734**

Responsive Scripture Lesson Psalm 17:1-7

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 13:31-33, 45-46

Sermon: "Jesus' Favorite Topic"

***Hymn #349 Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God**

***Affirmation of Faith: A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

Offering: Your continuing, generous support of our Church is greatly appreciated. Please use the Offering plate at the back of the sanctuary for your gifts, or please mail your offering and tithes to the Church office.

***Doxology #34**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Lauren

Prayers of the People
A Time of Sharing
The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn #112 You Servants of God**

***Benediction**

Postlude: The Comforter Has Come, Kirkpatrick arr. Labenske

Leading Worship: Pastor David C. Wright

Deb Wolf – Organist/ Choir Director

Lauren Neely - Duty Elder

Cathy Michaliga -Lay Reader

(*Those who are able, please stand)

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