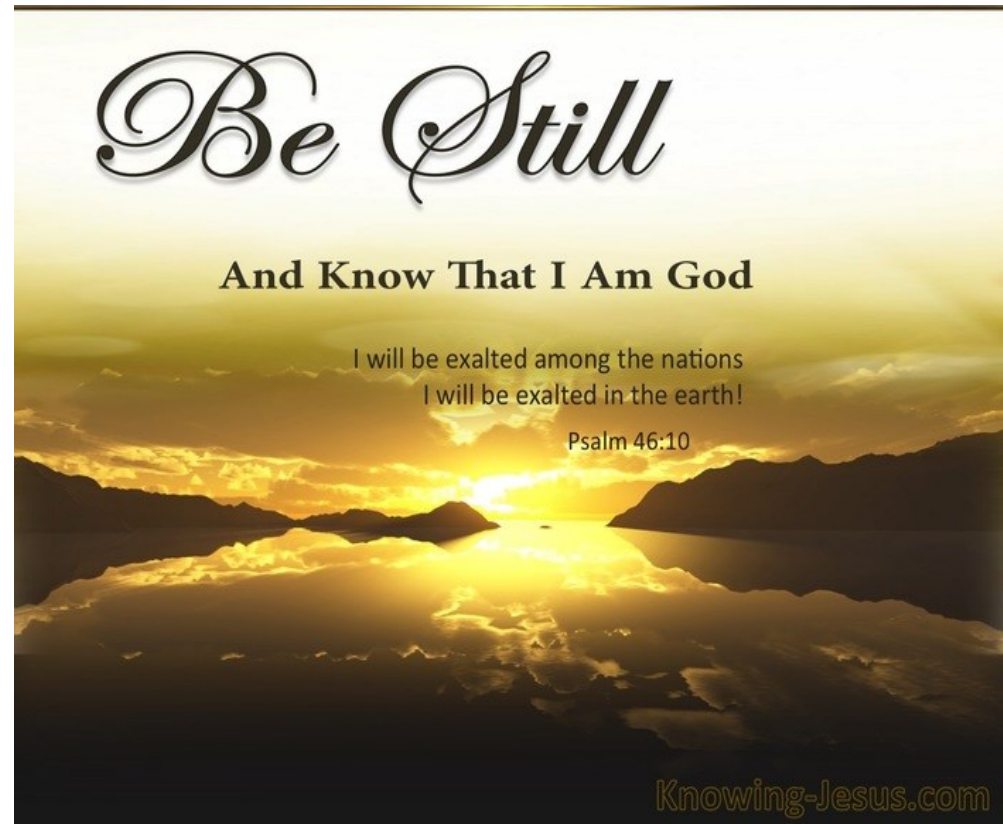


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**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

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## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 12, 2021

16th Sunday after Pentecost

\* WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please remain seated for a time of silent meditation as we prepare to worship God. The wearing of masks during service and singing hymns is optional.*

**NOTE:** This service may be video recorded.

Please stand if you are able where asterisk.

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Paxton

\***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Jerry Kross, Liturgist

Leader: Be still!

**People: We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.**

Leader: Be still and know . . .

**People: we come to discern the Word which can set us free.**

Leader: Be still and know that God is

**People: our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.**

\***OPENING HYMN #191** "God is Our Refuge and Our Strength"

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

**CONFESSION OF OUR SIN** (unison prayer)

**Holy God, although we honor you with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from you. We are quick to judge, quick to exclude, quick to put others down instead of building them up. Forgive us, God. Help us amend our ways. Help us embrace the inclusive love you graciously offer us and expect us to offer others.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God forgives us and strengthens us for love; therefore be at peace and know that you are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Legacy Team is planning a luncheon after service on Sunday, Oct. 10th. Pressley Cox and Olanda Carr will be with us to discuss the Legacy Project/Sailboat Church.

**VIDEO TRAINING:** We are seeking volunteers to train to use our new video recording equipment. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet on the back table.

**THE LEGACY PROJECT** is a time of discernment for congregations to identify gifts of the congregation, reflect upon their impact to the community, and plan for the future. The FPC Legacy Project team is working on this with representatives from Foothills Presbytery and the Presbyterian Foundation.

Each week, through October 3rd, the bulletin will highlight important messages from a chapter in Sailboat Church. This week Chapter seven will be our focus (see bulletin insert).

**FORTY DAYS OF PRAYER:** The next step in the Legacy Project is "Forty Days of Prayer." The congregation is urged to do these daily prayers with the team. Prayers begin today. You should have received the first three weeks of prayers in an Eblast or by mail. Printed copies are available in the Narthex. **We appreciate our congregation joining us in the Forty Days of Prayer. As you pray, if something comes to you, please share it with a member of Session.**

**VIDEO RECORDINGS:** Video recordings of services that have been previously recorded are available on the Church's website: [www.firstpresssimpsonville.com](http://www.firstpresssimpsonville.com). Click on "Videos" in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right."

**PULPIT SUPPLY:**

Sep. 19: Beverly Kelly	Oct. 10: Pressley Cox & Olanda Carr
Sep. 26: Pressley Cox	Oct. 17: Nancy Blakely

**REVISED COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS:** Please note that, as of June 20th, our Revised Safety Protocols are in effect. The most noteworthy change is the lifting of the mask requirement. These protocols were emailed to those with email and mailed to those without email. There are extra copies of the Revised Protocols on the table in the Narthex.

**VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!!** Due to the changes to our worship service because of the pandemic, we are asking those who have served in the past as ushers, liturgists, and in the sound booth to sign up for Sundays for the rest of this year. Sign-up sheets are located on the back table, along with the sign-up sheet for flowers. We encourage others who have not served in these capacities in the past to also sign up. **We need more volunteers for these duties since some of our congregation have not yet returned to active worship due to COVID.**

**POT LUCK LUNCHEON:** The Presbyterian Women's Group is hosting a Pot-Luck luncheon after worship service next Sunday, September 19th. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for good food and fellowship, to relax with our friends and catch up with all their news. Please bring a dish or dessert to share.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** will meet at the Church on Thursday, Sep. 16th, at 11 a.m. and on each third Thursday thereafter. The Bible study this season is "**What My Grandmothers Taught Me.**" All women in the church are invited to attend. Sue Marshall will lead the first lesson titled "Family Trees." If you have a picture of, or a "treasure" you have of your grandmother's that has special meaning to you, please bring it with you.

**Response: "Change My Heart, O God"**

*Change my heart O God  
Make it ever true  
Change my heart O God  
May I be like You*

**HYMN #276 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

SILENT PRAYER: A few moments of silent communication with God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 46

SERMON "Be Still" Rev. Pressley Cox

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Joys and Concerns of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**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,  
The power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF OFFERING AND PRAYER (the offering plate is located on a back table in the sanctuary just inside the back double doors.)

OFFERTORY "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" arr. Atwood

**\*The Doxology**

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN #289 "O God of Every Nation"

\*BENEDICTION

**RESPONSE: "The Lord Bless and Keep You"**

*The Lord bless and keep you,  
The Lord make his face to shine on you  
and be gracious, gracious.*

*The Lord bless and Keep you,  
The Lord lift his countenance on you  
and give peace, give you peace.  
Amen, Amen*

POSTLUDE "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" Tune ARISE

**WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN!** Whether you are a long-time member or first time visitor, we are glad you are here. If you would like to learn more about the First Presbyterian community, we invite you to contact us through our website [www.firstpresssimpsonville.com](http://www.firstpresssimpsonville.com), or by calling the church office at (864)963-8854.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** this week are given by Jan & Jerry Kross. Thank you!

**BIBLE STORY BAGS** are available for children during worship. See an usher if you would like one for your child to use. Please return the bag to an usher after worship.

We welcome to our pulpit today The Rev. Pressley Neal Cox. She is a graduate of Presbyterian College (BA in Religion/Christian Education), Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (Master of Arts in Religious Education) and Columbia Theological Seminary (Masters of Divinity). She brings over twenty years in ministry and has a strong sense of call to the ministry of Christian Education. Pressley will be supporting leaders, making connections, resourcing, and coaching among the congregations of our presbytery, the surrounding communities, and across our denomination. She is married to Ben and they have three children: Sara, Emily, and Henry.

**LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Pastor Cassie, John Jackson; Jean Kirkland, Lila Childs (friend of Bill & Sue Marshall); Ronnie Storch; Sue Marshall's mother; Michael Kolmer (Sue Marshall's brother); Robert Pryor (Roger Pryor's brother); Linda Marksberry (friend of Darrell & Roger); Cora Larsen (Linda Marshall's mother); Colleen Rogers (friend of the Stenhouse family); Doris Phipps (sister of Linda Stenhouse); Dan Mills (brother of Barb Daugherty—Missionary to Papau New Guinea); Ivy Bertuzzi; Pat Clark; Elizabeth Cooper; Dixie Suit (sister-in-law of Kitty Shealy); Roger Edney (relative of Barb & Roger Daugherty). Do not hesitate to call or email the Church Office ([office@firstpresssimpsonville.com](mailto:office@firstpresssimpsonville.com)) about any pastoral concerns.

**PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK:** Jo & Gary Klein, Jan & Jerry Kross

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Darrell Johnson (09/12), Carol Marsh (9/16)

**SCHEDULES AND EVENTS**

**FOOD PANTRY:** Your continued prayers and giving hearts allow us to keep this mission to our neighbors going. Suggestions for the month of September are 1 lb. bags of white rice and also green beans. As always, we are grateful for all donations.