Fall Series: A Good Life September 29, 2024

*Please stand if you are able.

Thank you to our youth who are helping lead worship today.

PRELUDE Melody Raef

WELCOME

INTROIT Give Me Jesus

*CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 124

Leader: If the Lord hadn't been for us let people now repeat!

People: If the Lord hadn't been for us, then they would have

swallowed us up whole.

Leader: Bless the Lord because God didn't hand us over like food for our

enemies' teeth!

People: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven

and earth.

***SONG OF PRAISE** #263 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION from the Presbyterian Outlook

God, do you go silent when we perpetuate cycles of retaliation and violence? Does your silence mock our own silence in the face of unchecked weaponization and loss of life? Forgive us for our failure to speak out and speak up for the victims of violence in our midst and around the world. Open our ears and hearts to hold space for your voice to return to us: the voice of a better way of healing and hope for all people. Show us this faithful path and give us the courage to walk in it, even if for the very first time. We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

#579 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 and shall be, world without end. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you...

People: And also with you.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Youth of PFPC

COLLECTION FOR 5 CENTS A MEAL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; **LESSON** Pew Bible p. 390-391

ANTHEM If God is for Us

SERMON "A Good Cause" Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of Belhar 10.1-3

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

#419 How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, they 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.

WE OFFER OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

#592 Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***SONG OF SENDING** #540 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Melody Raef

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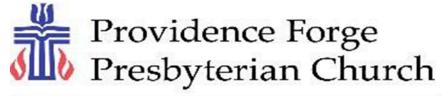
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to our church family





To further God's Kingdom on Earth, one soul at a time.