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For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son... John 3:16

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The Lord's Day, August 20, 2023

Real Faith...OBEYS

James 1:19-27



**Come GROW WITH US**

Presbyterian Women's Annual Kickoff  
Sunday, August 20  
3:00 p.m.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

You don't have to be a current member of a Circle to attend!

**BBQ Committee Meeting**

Home of the Annual MALLARD CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH B.B.Q. 4<sup>th</sup> THURS. IN OCTOBER

**September 5, 2023**  
**6:30pm**  
**at the Community House Shed**

It's time to plan our **92nd Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church BBQ**

Let's meet at the **Community House, under the shed**

**CONFIRMATION**

Calling all 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders!  
A new year of Confirmation class begins on September 10 during the Sunday School hour. Let Andrea know if you'd like to participate.

**Parables of Christ**

**Tuesday, September 19, at noon.**  
What a wonderful way for us to kick-off our **first Lunch Bunch** with a **musical trio The Parables of Christ.**  
(Members are invited to bring food items for the church backpack ministry.)

**BACKPACK BLESSINGS**

Reminder: We keep a permanent list of our members for Lunch Bunch, so if you cannot attend please call Margaret - 614-537-5363 or Jimmy - 704-651-6678 to cancel your meal reservation.

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Hawaii Fire Relief**

Contribute to:  
**Disaster Relief- U.S. Wildfires (DR000165)**

This designated account supplements the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering to enable a significant response for U.S wildfires. Your faithful giving is deeply appreciated.

If you want to donate to a different ministry, [you can change it here.](#)

To give by phone, call **800-872-3283**. To send a check, please designate where you want your gift to go on the memo line and mail to:

**Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)**  
P.O. Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700



**BREAKFAST**

Fellowship Committee is hosting **Breakfast Sep 10,17,24**

We invite **Members and Guests** to join us for breakfast and fellowship during **Coffee & Fellowship Time**.  
Hope to see you there **Fellowship Committee**

There will be a session of **Active Shooter Training** presented by the **Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department** **On September 17 at the church.**



Please mark your calendars if you wish to attend.

**Sunday School Classes & Locations**

- Age 0-2 – Nursery
- Age 3-5 – Preschool Classroom
- 1st-4th grade – Youth Club room
- 5th-12th grade – Teen room
- Young and Middle Adults – Garrison Martin classroom
- Older Adults – Morrison classroom



A Service of Worship

Prelude (8:30 am) *For this Bread, For this Wine* John Purifoy  
 (10:30 am) *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Bridges and Elvey  
 Welcome and Announcements Rev. Rob Watkins  
 Call to Worship Rev. Hunter Roddey  
 Leader: Come, all who labor and are weighed down with responsibility, uncertainty, and worry.  
**People: We come, because the load we carry is heavier than we can bear alone.**  
 Leader: Come, all you who seek to relate work and worship, leisure and service, into a meaningful whole.  
**People: We gather for spiritual renewal and practical challenge, for help in making choices and carrying out our commitments.**  
 Leader: Come, sinner and saint, with your hatreds and loves, your failures and successes, your sorrows and joys.  
**People: We respond to the Spirit's leading and open ourselves to receive God's gracious gifts**

Prayer of Invocation  
 † Hymn #562 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*  
 Call to Confession  
 Prayer of Confession *Thom Shuman* Rev. Hunter Roddey  
**Searching God, we are so attached to our possessions, we have trouble sharing them. We are so connected to our pleasures that we cannot feel the pain of those around us. We are so stuck on ourselves, we cannot sense our souls slipping away into the shadows. Most merciful God: loosen us from the grip of the world, so we may feel your healing touch. Sever us from our sin, so your Spirit might bind us to you. Reshape us, redeem us, renew us, so we may take up our crosses and follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon  
 † Passing of the Peace  
 Time with Children  
 Offertory (8:30 am) *Broken Vessels* Andrea Thomas  
 (10:30 am) *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling* Houston/Myrin  
 Timothy Kress  
 † Doxology  
 Scripture Lesson James 1:19-27  
 Sermon Following the Way Rev. Rob Watkins  
 Affirmation of Faith Rev. Hunter Roddey

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created: things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers; all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from among the dead, so that he might come to have first place in every thing. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

(an affirmation of faith based on Colossians 1:15-20)

Musical Meditation (10:30 am) *He Loved them to the End* Joseph M. Martin  
 MCPC Choir Anthem

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

† Hymn #284 *We Are One in the Spirit*

† Benediction  
 Postlude (8:30 am) *Crown him with many crowns* Bridges/Elvey  
 (10:30 am) *To God be the Glory* Arr. Tornquist

† All who are able are invited to stand.

This week at Mallard Creek

Sunday, August 20

8:30 am Worship Service in Sanctuary  
 9:00 am Coffee & Fellowship Time  
 9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Worship Service in Sanctuary  
 3:00 pm Presbyterian Women's Annual Kickoff

Tuesday, August 22

5:30 pm Girl Scouts

Wednesday, August 23

6:00 pm Bells  
 7:00 pm Choir

New Testament Study:  
 James 1:19-27

**LIVESTREAM**, our streaming service for the webpage, has been discontinued. It was replaced by **VIMEO**. Unfortunately, one of the consequences of this switch is that **our sermon archive is no longer available on the MCPC website**. If you wish to view an archived sermon, please let us know the date of that sermon, and we can place a copy on the website for you. **Our Facebook page will continue to have an archive of sermons available.**

We apologize for any inconvenience, and thank you for your patience as we make this change.

**Please do not forget – Sign the attendance book with all the names of your family that are attending church today. Thank you**



CHURCH STAFF

**The Rev. Rob Watkins**  
 Senior Pastor

**The Rev. Hunter Roddey**  
 Transitional Associate Pastor

**Mrs. Andrea Thomas**  
 Director of Children & Youth Ministry

**Ms. Amanda Booth**  
 Financial Manager

**Ms. Claudia Perez**  
 Administrative Assistant

**Mr. David Barnaba**  
 Director of Music

**Mrs. Kristy Maddux**  
 Preschool Director

**Mrs. Kristin Reyes** Pianist

OFFICERS ON DUTY

**ELDERS:** Kristy Maddux, James Killian, Brian Wasko

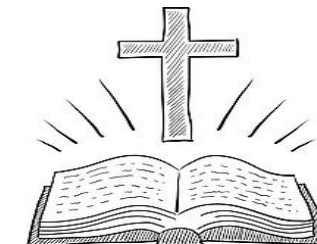
**DEACONS:** Christine Shankey, Robin McCraw, Joe Crapster, Phil Ashley, Wendy White.

A Note For Parents With Small Children:

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." We celebrate these words as we welcome ALL ages in worship with us. Our desire is to help you make the most of this worship experience.

- Here are a few reminders:
1. There are Children's Worship Bags and Bibles available in the back of the church.
  2. There is a cry room in the Gathering Space, if you need to take a quick "time out" during the service.
  3. There is a nursery for infants through age 4 downstairs during the 10:00 service.

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| Nancy Moore - mother of Rob Moore                                  | Elizabeth King      | Caroline Williams | Linda Benfield   |
| Jimmy Rodgers - son of Frances Christenbury                        | Shirley Hunter      | Cecil Massey      | Donna Seaford    |
| Donna Garrison— wife of Eddie Garrison                             | Juanita Untz        | Roy Kinnamon      | Elaine Lord      |
| Larry Carroll - husband of Ann Carroll                             | Ruby Downing        | Dennis Lord       | Guy Eberhart     |
| Andy Marcus - brother of Rachel Rodden                             | Donnie Oehler       | Ken Christenbury  | Carolyn Sheehan  |
| <b>Linda Taylor - sister-in-law of Nancy Busch</b>                 | Beth Massey         | Judith Rankin     | Barbara Cottrell |
| <b>Don and Debbie Killian</b>                                      | Taylor Jones        | Lynn Kelley       | Cristina Moore   |
| LaVern Winter - father of Tammy Alford                             | Suggie Christenbury | Joana Lovette     | Cy Alexander     |
| Tracy Brienich - daughter of Linda and Teddy Preslar               |                     | Dale McLaughlin   | Ann Brown        |
| <b>The family of John Davidson - father of Lynn Davidson</b>       |                     | Carlita Hunter    | Stan Mach        |
| Wanda and Barry Henson - sister and brother-in-law of Perry Deaton |                     | Perry Deaton      | Jean Thomas      |
| Earl Thomas  | David Saviano       |                   |                  |

PRAYER LIST