

W CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

17th Sunday
after Pentecost
September 27, 2020

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome

Brad Clayton

Prelude

Adam Ravain

*Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Holly Pursino

God, You have healed our wounds.

You have brought us from paths of hurt and anger.

You have blessed our life that we might be a blessing to others.

Let us worship You in great joy.

*Hymn 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Call to Confession

Holly Pursino

Prayer of Confession

We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust. While we sing of Your Lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though You are powerless in the face of today's events.

(silent confession)

God of mercy, help us to live with confidence in Your presence today and in hope for life with You forever. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

*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, Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer With Our Young Disciples

Mary Steen

Scripture Lesson	Acts 9:1-19	Brad Clayton
The Word of the Lord.		
Thanks be to God.		

Sermon	<i>A Wondrous Calling: Paul the Pharisee</i>	Brad Clayton
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Response to the Word

Offering		Adam Ravain
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Prayer of Dedication (<i>responsive</i>)		Holly Pursino
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.		
It is right to give our thanks and praise.		

*Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer	Trinity Whitley
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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.	

Sending Out Into the World

*Hymn No. 735	<i>I Need Thee Every Hour</i>
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*Charge & Benediction		Brad Clayton
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*Congregational Response	<i>Amen</i>	Hymnal p. 601
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*Live Simply, Love Generously, Serve Faithfully, Speak Truthfully, Pray Daily,
and Leave Everything Else to God*

Coming in October

Pumpkin Patch

With safety protocols in place, the Pumpkin Patch will be open October 8-31, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Masks and social distancing will be required. If you would like to sign up to work shifts in the Patch, visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090449aba72eaa8-pumpkin>.

We would love for you to help fill our Pumpkin Patch with scarecrows this year!

Email shannon@faithpcusa.org or mary@faithpcusa.org to reserve a frame, then make a child friendly, sturdy scarecrow and place it securely in the Patch **by October 7**. Questions?

Contact shannon@faithpcusa.org.

Sanctuary Prayer Time

The sanctuary will be open for a time of prayer each October **Tuesday**, 11-11:30 a.m. We will begin with a prayer together, spend some time in silent prayer, then close with a brief corporate prayer. Please wear a mask, use the front sanctuary doors, sign in, and sit socially distanced. Come soak in the peace of the beautiful Faith Sanctuary!

Wednesday Evening Vespers

Join us on October **Wednesday** evenings, 6:30-7 p.m., for short vesper services outdoors at Faith. Bring your mask, chair or blanket. We will gather socially distanced in the grassy area near the fire pit (next to the bus parking space) for a time of music, scripture and prayer together. The event will be canceled in the case of inclement weather.

Adult Book Club

We invite adults to join us on Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m. for discussions of two books:

[Holy Disunity: How What Separates Us Can Save Us](#) by Layton Williams. For four weeks in October, we'll study this book together, being challenged to consider that our differences in beliefs may be blessings that help us better understand God's grace.

We will continue to learn together in November with [The Color of Compromise: The Truth About the American Church's Complicity in Racism](#) by Jmar Tisby. With the social unrest surrounding racial injustice, we as a community of faith will be challenged to acknowledge the part the church has played in this issue and how we can make a difference moving forward.

Join us via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/96337853839>. Books may be purchased for a 10% discount at Midtown Reader (they have them reserved for Faith Book Club). Please let Trinity know by **Sunday, October 4**, if you plan to participate. On **October 6**, we will discuss the first 3 chapters of [Holy Disunity](#).

Thank you for joining us for worship today!

Coming up:

(for full details please visit www.faithpcusa.org/upcoming-events)

There are currently both virtual and in-person opportunities at Faith.

Virtual:

- ◆ **Sunday School.** Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
Adult: Study of Romans. <https://meet.google.com/ina-ncze-hvh>
Youth: Check the youth calendar on the Faith website for links.
Children: For 1st-3rd grades and 4th-5th grades. Birth through Kindergarten lesson will be emailed to parents.
- ◆ **High School Bible Study.** Wednesdays in September, 7:30 p.m., with other PCUSA high schoolers in our area. Link available on youth calendar at www.faithpcusa.org/youth
- ◆ **Kids@Faith Virtual Hangouts**
4yr VPK—1st Grade: Tuesdays 4-4:30 p.m.
3 yrs—5th Grade: Music Time with Mr. Kimani, Thursdays 5:45-6:15 p.m. RSVP mary@faithpcusa.org.
Club 45: Wednesdays 4-4:30 p.m.
2nd & 3rd Grade: Thursdays 4-4:30 p.m.

In-Person:

- ◆ **Wednesday Night Alive Home Edition** (must be preregistered)
- ◆ **Youth Group.** Sunday evenings: middle school 5-5:45 pm; high school 6-6:45 pm, outdoors with masks and social distancing. Fellowship, games, and discussion.



October Sermon Series: *All Things Made New*

In an ever changing world, we know that God remains the same. God's love is from everlasting to everlasting. Even though God does not change, the way we share God's love with the world is changing. God is calling us to new ministry, new hope, and new life. As we plan for 2021, we will imagine the ways that God is calling us to face this new old with courage.

October 4: *Something New — World Communion Sunday*, Isaiah 43:18-21

October 11: *A New Creation*, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

October 18: *New Wineskins*, Matthew 9:14-17

October 25: *New Heaven and New Earth — Commitment Sunday*, Revelation 21:1-5

Stewardship Update

Budget YTD: \$924,041

Received YTD: \$886,098

Spent YTD: \$835,260

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