



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN MORRISTOWN

September 12, 2021

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebration of Worship

*Thank you for protecting the health of the most vulnerable members of our community
by keeping physical distance and by wearing masks while you are in the building.*

Welcome

The Reverend Leslie Dobbs-Allsopp

Prelude

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele
Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar

Johannes Brahms

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

Many: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

All: Let us worship God!

Hymn 26

Earth and All Stars!

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Please hum along, read the words, and sing in your heart.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

The Reverend Sarah Green

O God, you have called us, and we have refused to listen; you have stretched out your hand and we have not taken it. We have taken what you have given us and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you. We have refused to be shaped by your wisdom. Forgive our inability to recognize you and live out the reality of your gospel. Give us the insight we need to understand your place in our lives, so that our words and actions reflect your glory in the lives of others. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)*

One: God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, that we are forgiven.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Sacrament of Baptism

Rev. Green

Olivia Grace Allison, daughter of Brian and Roxanne Allison

The Apostles' Creed *(unison)*

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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

One: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: **With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

Patrick Allred

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Proverbs 1:20-33

Patrick Allred

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 8:27-38

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Seeking Wisdom

Rev. Dobbs-Allsopp

Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Green

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.

*Hymn 826

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

Please stand and remain masked to sing the final hymn.

Benediction

Postlude

Postlude in D minor
Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar

Christian Heinrich Rinck

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Today's service is led by the Reverend Leslie Dobbs-Allsopp, the Reverend Sarah Green, Dr. Matthew Webb, Alexandra Mead, Patrick Allred, Kevin Graf, and the Choral Scholars.

Special thanks to our sound and video production teams for helping us share our services beyond the walls of our Sanctuary.

Flowers today were donated by the Kay family in loving memory of Thelma Rowland Kay.

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every Sunday at 10am on**

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