

SUN 11 AM
SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

Worship Service for THE LORD'S DAY
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*As a community of Christ's disciples, we joyfully participate
in Christ's mission of love and peace, transformation and hope.*

Welcome to Worship

Words printed in **bold** are for the congregation to speak in unison.

* An invitation to rise in body or spirit.

PRELUDE

Concerto in D *Aria—Allegro*

G-F-Handel

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND INVITATIONS

Rev. Roger Owens

INTROIT

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

God so loved the world[God so loved the world[that He gave His only begotten Son[that whoso believeth[believeth in Him should not perish[should not perish[but have everlasting life—For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world[God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world—but that the world through Him might be saved—

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Ginger Thomas

Jesus Christ, you come to transfigure us and renew us in the image of God:

shine in our darkness.

Jesus Christ, light of our hearts, you know our thirst:

lead us to the wellspring of your gospel.

Jesus Christ, light of the world, you shine in every human being:

enable us to discern your presence in each person.

Jesus Christ, friend of the poor:

open in us the gates of simplicity so that we can welcome you.

Jesus Christ, gentle and humble of heart:

renew in us the spirit of childhood.

Jesus Christ, you send your church to prepare your path in the world:

open for all people the gates of your kingdom. Amen.

*HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

INVITATION TO SILENT PRAYER AND CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities in our service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

All are invited to exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with others—

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Lori Bass-Riley

Children attending Kids Church may follow Pastor Lori—

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:1-11 (NT, pg. 62)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Risky Business...

Rev. Asa Lee

*HYMN 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

PASTORAL 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

Please complete a connect card and place it in the offering plate—

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O God Beyond All Praising

arr—Dan Forrest

O God beyond all praising [we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay—for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send [at blessings without number and mercies without end] we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word [we honor and adore you [our great and mighty Lord—For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send [at blessings without number and mercies without end] for Christ [your gift from heaven [from death has set us free [and we through Him are given the final victory—Then hear [O gracious Saviour [accept the love we bring [that we who know Your favor may serve you as our King—and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill [we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still] to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways [and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise—

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
verse 1: treble voices (high voices)
verse 2: bass voices (low voices)
verse 3 & 4: all voices

HYFRYDOL

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you [the Lord lift his countenance upon you—and give you peace [and give you peace [the Lord make his face to shine upon you [and be gracious unto you [be gracious [the Lord be gracious [gracious unto you—Amen—

*POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

David German

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Participants Today

Rev. Dr. Asa Lee, Guest Preacher
Rev. Ginger A. Thomas, Co-Senior Pastor (ginger@fcpc.us)
Rev. Dr. L. Roger Owens, Co-Senior Pastor (roger@fcpc.us)
Rev. Lori Bass-Riley, Minister of Children and Families (lori@fcpc.us)
S.C. Toe, Minister of Music (sc@fcpc.us)
Richard Shaw, Guest Organist
Anna Lahti, soprano
Louise van Mook, mezzo-soprano
Andrew Boag, tenor
Logan Newman, bass
Howard Havlicsek, Audio Engineer
Don Moyer, Caretaker (don@fcpc.us)

Chancel Choir

We give thanks to God for our Fox Chapel Chancel Choir's return to the loft as they lead us in our time of cooperate worship. The Chancel Choir would also like to take this opportunity to welcome any newcomers. All are welcome to join in signing or ringing as our Fox Chapel Bell Choir is back in session and is also open to new musicians! If you have any questions about how you can get involved with the music ministry anywhere at our church, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. S.C. Toe, our new Minister of Music. He would be so happy to get you plugged in and to get to know you a little better.

Contact SC:
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For Children and Families during 11:00 AM Worship

Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship with their families, and we provide the following opportunities for children and families:

Children age 3 to 5th grade are invited to sign up for Kids' Church prior to worship near the entry to the Sanctuary. Children may join Pastor Lori at the front of the Sanctuary for a Children's Message during worship (except on the first Sunday of the month). Following the Children's Message, children are led to the Atrium, where parents/guardians can pick them up following worship.

Nursery care is available for ages 0-3 in Room 109 (near the main entrance).

The Comfort Space is available in Room 107 (next to the Nursery) to comfort or feed a child and watch the worship service via livestream.

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God, in loving memory of Dr. James Harger, and with deep appreciation for pastors, musicians, and church staff, by Gail Harger.

HEARING DEVICES are available in the Sanctuary. Ask an usher for assistance.
If you have a hearing aid that has the T-Coil activated, please ask for a T-Coil neckloop receiver.

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