

Bath Presbyterian Church

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Respect is Earned
Honesty is Appreciated
Truth is Gained
Trust is Returned

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Time for Quiet Reflection & Prayer

Lighting of the Candles

Ringling of the Bell

Music for Praise & Meditation

Welcome!

Announcements

- In the life of our Church
- Minute for Mission
- Sharing of Joys & Concern
- Covenant Church for Prayers: Springfield Covenant Presbyterian Church, Pastor Jodie Noble and Christian Educator Tyra Jackson.

Call to Worship: (Psalm 79)

One: O God, the nations have invaded your domain and defiled your holy temple. Redirect your anger and do not hold our sins against us.

All: In your tenderness, quickly intervene.

One: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the sake of your glorious name.

All: Deliver us and rescue us. Let us worship God!

*Call to Worship in Music: "How Can I Keep from Singing" (refrain only pg 821)

*No Storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging,
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

***Call to Confession:** We are invited to pray - all who have hurt someone else, and all who have been hurt by another. We are called to pray: for hope, for healing, for mercy. We pray to the One who seeks to make us whole; whose will it is to restore us to new life. Join me as we pray, saying:

*Prayer of Confession (in unison):

Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters - work, wealth, power, addictions - yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor, and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us. Forgive us, Compassion's Heart, and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and

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Savior, brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Now that we have let go of the pain, the bitterness, the anger of our lives, let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other, forgiving as God has forgiven us. We are God's beloved children, and will model God's grace and love in our hearts. Thanks be to God.

*Hymn: #772 "Live Into Hope"

***The Passing of the Peace** – Stay in your pew and display loving signs of Christ's peace to your church family.

Children's Message

1st Scripture Reading – Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Music for Meditation

2nd Scripture Reading – Luke 16: 1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

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And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be To God

Sermon: "Honestly...we're dishonest" Pastor Emily Haddox

***Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed (The United Church)**

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People – 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sung Prayer Response: "When We Are Tested" (tune - Be Thou my Vision #450)

"When we are tempted to barter our souls, trading the truth for the power to control, teach us to worship and praise only you, seeking your will in the work that we do."

Offering

***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."

***Offertory Prayer**

Closing Hymn – #472 "KumBaYah"

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***Benediction- (in unison)**

One: God has filled us with joy and wonder.

All: We will go to let it overflow in the lives of others.

One: Jesus has filled us with comfort and hope.

All: We will go to wipe away the tears of those around us.

One: The Spirit sends us forward in faith to share the truth of God's presence in our lives.

All: Alleluia! We will live everyday as God's own.

One: Go in Christ's peace, today and always. Amen.

***Postlude: #542 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"**

"God be with you till we meet a-gain; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a Shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet a-gain. Amen."

Announcements & More

Mission:

- Peace & Global Witness Collection – thru October 2; envelopes available in the pews.

Birthday:

- September 21 – Ernie Stockton
- September 22 – Abbie Keeton

Anniversary:

- September 21 – Verna & Paul Drake

This Week:

- September 18 – Session Meeting – After Worship

On the Horizon:

- September 25 – Women's Group Baby Shower – After Worship

Every Sunday:

- Breakfast – 9 am
- Sunday School: On hiatus till Mid-August-September

Ongoing Events:

- Food for FISH: Non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies, personal care items

