

# SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## EVENING WORSHIP Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

Half past Seven O'Clock

*Welcome to worship at Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church. In love for one another, please take careful steps to maintain a policy of no-touching, social distance (at least 6 ft), and wear a mask over your nose and mouth throughout the service. We cannot make exceptions, and we ask you to please remind one another in love as necessary.*

### OPENING MUSIC

### WELCOME AND NOTICES

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER PSALM 9

Leader: Praise for the break of a setting sun, as it lays to rest across the weight of a summer night

**People: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,**

Leader: Praise for neighbors as we worship in the midst of their coming and going

**People: I will tell of all your wonderful deeds**

Leader: Praise for the calling of Your creation, from those who chirp, bark, and shout as they pass by.

**People: I will be glad and exult in you;**

Leader: Praise for the gathering us in the name of Your Son, our lord

**People: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with You.

**People: And also with You.**

### HYMN

### CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION PCUSA Book of Common Worship  
**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

**Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

### HOMILY

"Not 7 but 77"

Margo Richardson

### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERING Text to Give 704-734-9818  
*You are invited to hang your prayer ribbon near the communion table. While offering plates will not be passed due to COVID-19, offerings may be received in the baskets near the communion table or welcome tables during the offertory anthem or after worship. Extra ribbons and markers are available on the welcome tables.*

### ANTHEM

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### RECEPTION AND BLESSING OF 2020 CONFIRMATION CLASS

### INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMANDS

Marshall Pifer, Mentor Rebecca Thompson, Emma Hinson Waple, Mentor Lori Burbank, Emma Northan, Mentor Ellen Harris, Ledare Roush, Mentor Tracie Northan, Lily Hart, Mentor Joy Berry, Kacie Tibe, Mentor Ashley Armistead, Addie Bahr, Mentor Stevee Baskerville, Ethan Randall, Mentor Matt Baskerville

### QUESTIONS TO THE CONFIRMANDS

Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and do you proclaim him as your Lord and Savior?  
Do you?

Trusting in the Gracious Mercy of God, do you turn away from the ways of sin, and renounce evil and it's power in the world, thus affirming your reliance upon God's grace? Do you?

By the power of the Holy Spirit, do you promise to participate actively and responsibly in the church's teaching, fellowship, worship, and mission? Do you?

### QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, members of this church and the broader church of Jesus Christ, promise to continue to pray for, mentor, and guide these confirmands to Jesus Christ, and participate in the raising of all of the community's children and youth for the glory of God? Do you?

### The Apostle's Creed

### PRAYERS FOR CONFIRMANDS

### CLOSING SONG

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### MUSIC