

# SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## MORNING WORSHIP Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

Half past Ten O'Clock

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

"Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"  
Ivey Cherry, baritone

RESTORATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 111

Leader: Come, and praise God! In the company of the God's people, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: Great are the works of God, full of glory and majesty.**

Leader: Our God is gracious and compassionate;

**People: our God is merciful and forgiving**

Leader: our God is faithful and trustworthy,

**People: our God is just and good.**

Leader: So come, let's worship God together.

**All: God's praise will last forever!**

OPENING SONG

"Hear the Good News of Salvation"  
Ivey Cherry, baritone

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

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!**

### RECEPTION AND BLESSING OF 2020 CONFIRMATION CLASS MEMBERS

INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMANDS

Bea McLellan, Mentor Laura Stark

Nicolas Vera, Mentor Joe Bentley

Traver Stuart, Mentor Kipp Kiger

Patrick Madigan, Mentor Andrew McLellan

Connor Simmons, Mentor Matt Madigan

Joe Raible, Mentor Sam Ryburn

Kaitlin Hall, Mentor Deni Pifer

Coleman Kiger, Mentor Ginny Burgin

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 its 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

**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.**

PRAYERS FOR CONFIRMANDS

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON

"Not 7 but 77"

Margo Richardson

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"As The Deer"  
Ivey Cherry, baritone

Martin Nystrom

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE